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VOLUME 1

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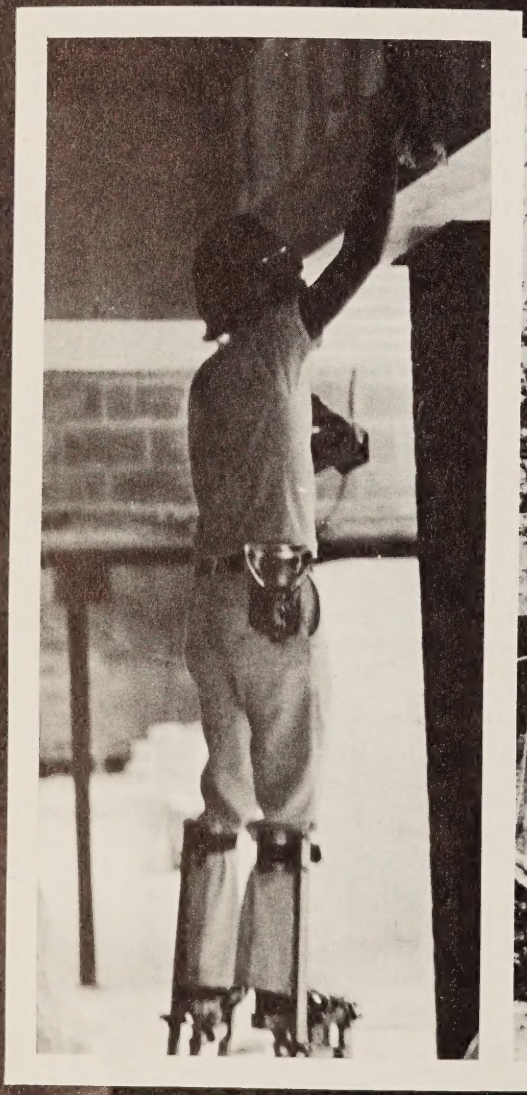


raw materials

and

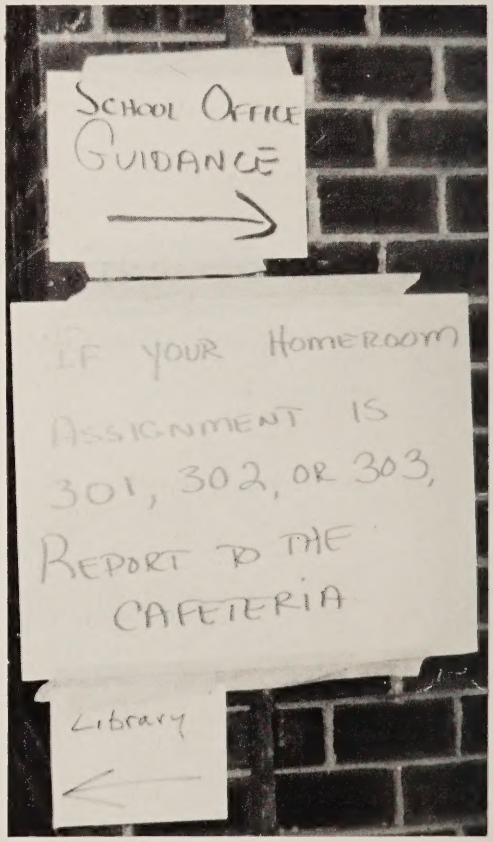
physical labor . . .

working

and

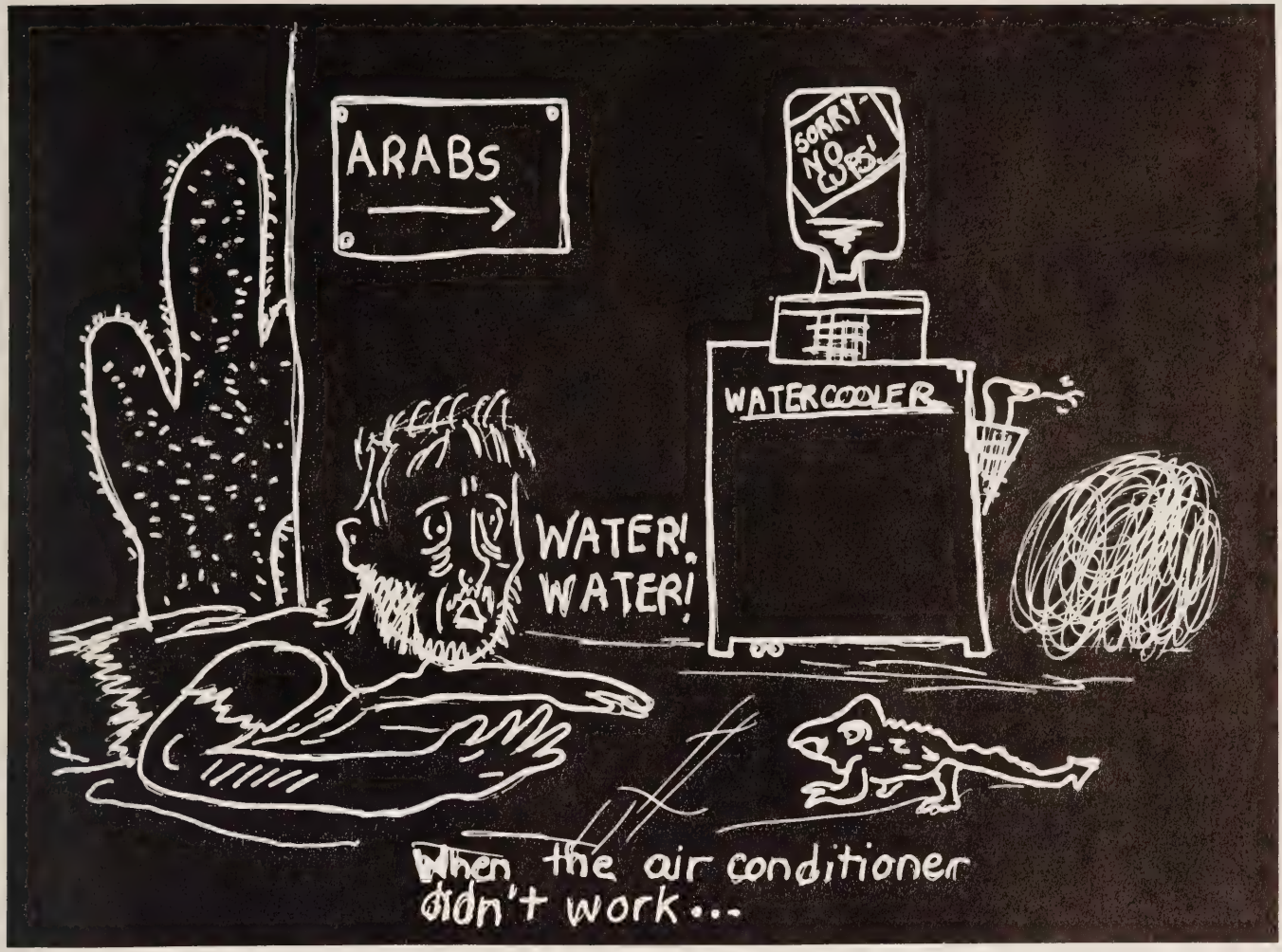
learning together . . .

ironing out



According to this map, we're in our homeroom right now.

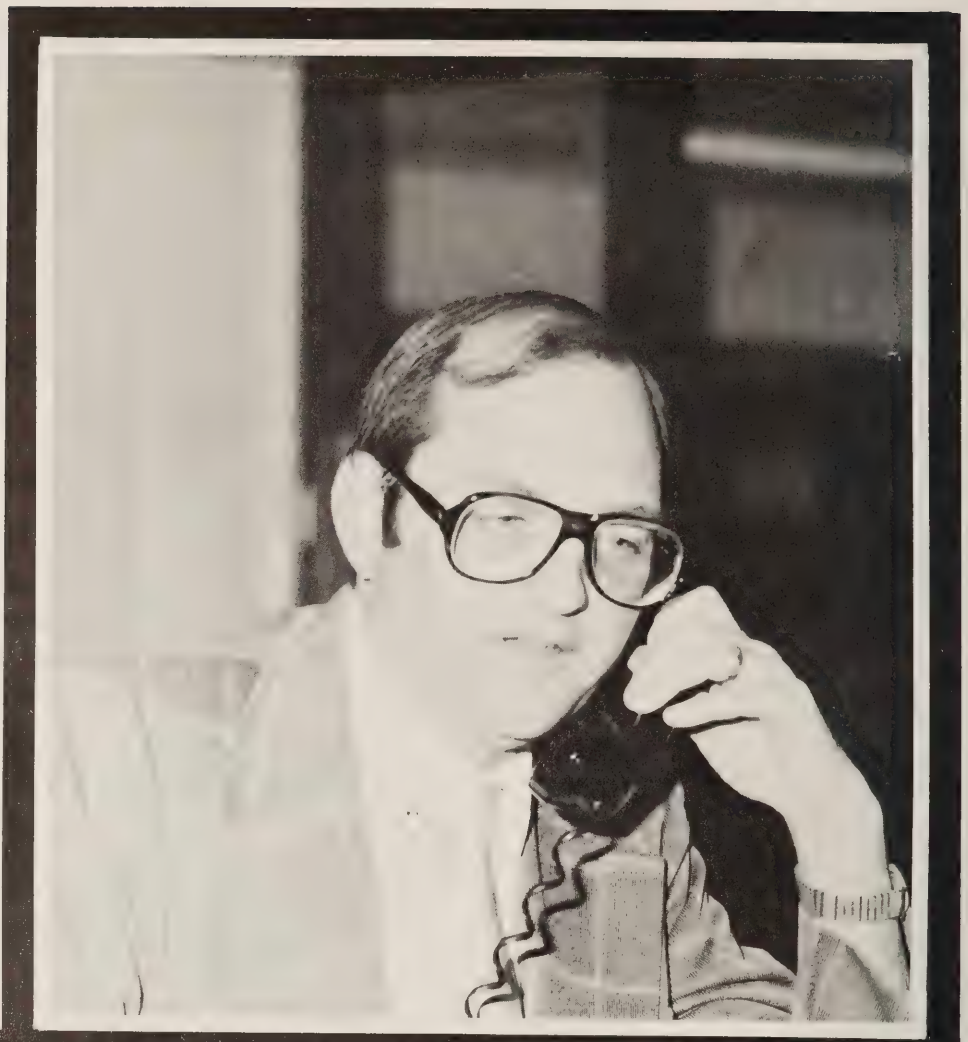
the rough spots . . .



When the air conditioner didn't work...

establishing traditions.

Administration



Thanks to the enthusiasm and hard work of the administration, Lloyd C. Bird's first year has been an exciting and enjoyable experience for students, faculty and staff.

Our **Big Bird,**

Aubrey Lindsey,

Principal

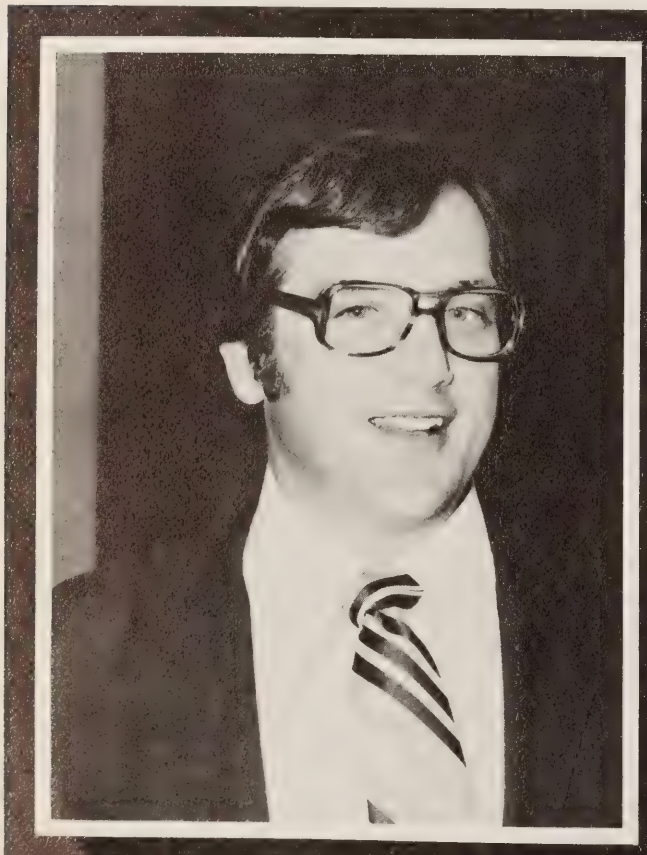
Assistant Principals

Homer Garr solves problems with one stroke of the pen, or shuffle of the papers.

Gregory Hulcher, never too busy to help or to discuss problems.

Guidance

Shelby Porter rustles with schedules while Laura Davies, Walter Gilliam, and Lynn Booth take time to pose for the cameraman.



Media Specialists

Helen DeWell, head librarian and Marjorie Dietsch, a big help to students. Katherine Lipscomb catalogues new books while Joan Williams talks to concerned parent. Debbie Winn, indispensible teacher aide.

Administrative Assistants

Is this the proper way to treat a secretary?

Doris McDaniel exclaims, "I never thought working at Bird would be so much fun!"

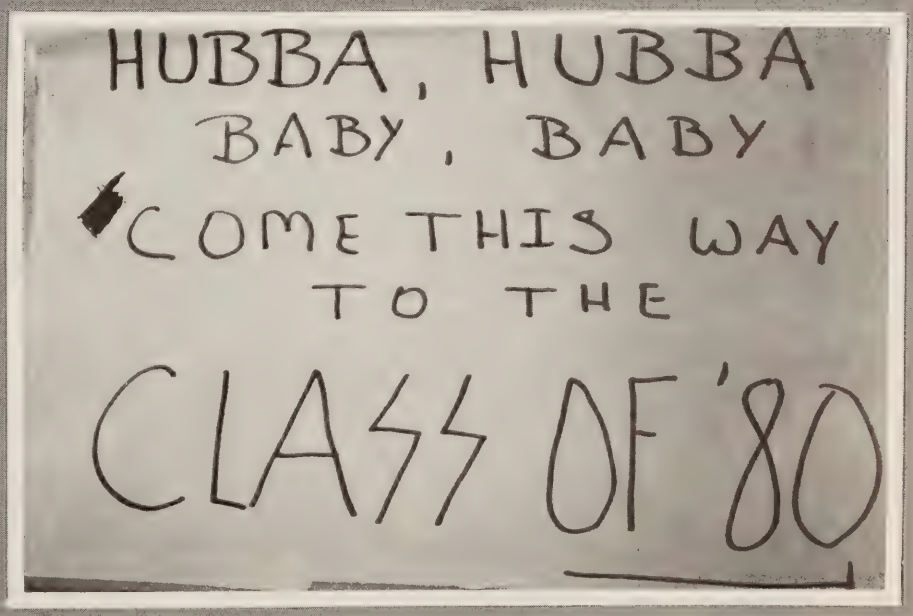
Bishop says, "Gee! You mean I get to go home at 6:00 tonight?"

Sheemann prompt

JUNIORS

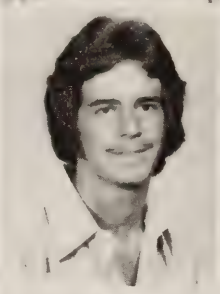
The junior class officers: Steve Anderson, Vice-president; Glinda King, Secretary; Jackie Claiborne, President; and Teresa Gladewell, Treasurer.

When the machine says "serve yourself" Jeff Cole takes it literally.

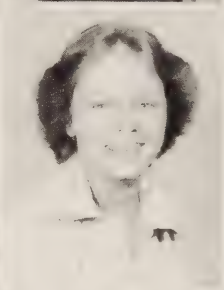


Janice Adams
Kathryn Adams
Lisa Alley
Craig Amis
Shelby Anderson

Steve Anderson
Barbara Andrew
Keith Andrew
Sonya Arrington
Pam Ashbrook



Terry Ayres
Donna Bales
Matt Barbour
Helen Bartknecht
Susan Barksdale



Alton Barrack
Kevin Battle
David Beavers
James Bentley
Tammy Blackburn

Lynda Stack and Ross Richardson explain math analysis to Diana Willis

Jim Kain growls, "Get that camera away from me!"

Earl and Burrell Fisher, co-captains of the football team, "Strut their Stuff".

Joel Bland
Cynthia Blankenship
Mike Blaszak
Dean Bodenheim
Annmar Brassow

James Bolton
Dorwood Bosher
Jackie Bowry
Angela Bracken
Kevin Bradley

Sonja Bray
Mike Browning
Kim Bulluck
Theresa Burgess
Sabra Burkhardt

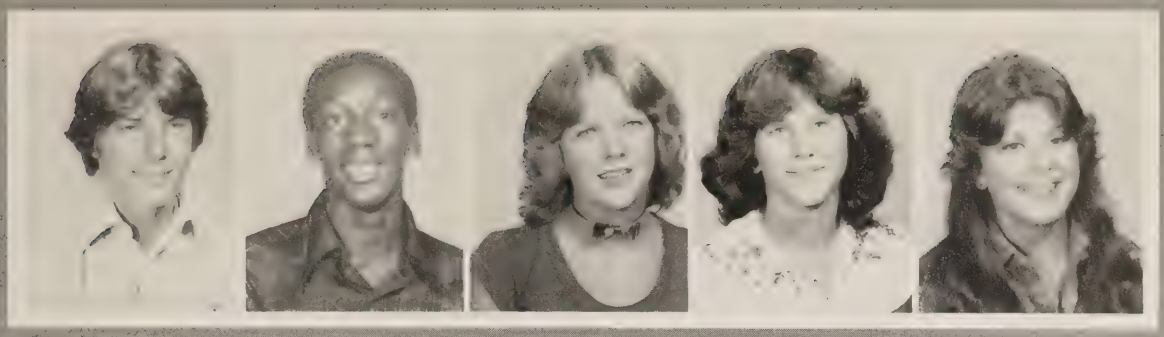
Jeffery Burnette
Leslie Bush
David Chambers
Debbie Church
Tony Cimino

Jackie Childsmer
Teresa Clark
Daniel Clarke
Robert Clayton
Melanie Clements

Barry Coldiron
Darryl Cole
Jeff Cole
Glen Coles
Kyle Collie

Joyce Combs
Tamara Compton
Mark Connelly
Ernest Conner
Karen Cook

Rick Crabb
Deborah Crew
Paige Crocher
Sally Cunningham
Alysa Cunningham



Dwayne Dagenhart
Horace Daniel
Cheryl Darnell
Nina Davis
April Dawson

opposite, far left: Proud members of the varsity football team, Rick Crutch, Steve Irwin, and Greg Spence, engage in animal conversation; center: Lisa Mines diligently hums and pecks; left: Harley Torney asks Ed Kelley some very important questions.

Timothy Drumheller
Kelly Dunham
Unnal Dunnavan
Lloyd Dunnavan
Carol Ea[illegible]

James Eubank
Lynn Finn
Burrell Fisher
Earl Fisher
Cindy Florence

Lonnie Fogleman
Timothy Fogleman
Steve Friend
Eric Friend
Lisa Friend

Anna Gaetzri
Rhonda Gattis
Mike Giacoli
Gary Gibson
Lynne Gilbert

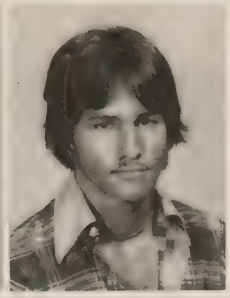
Tina Gilbert
Mark Gaitis
Teresa Gidewell
Angela Gilover
Frank Grove

A member of the business department, Jane Kramek, is taken by surprise.

Judith Greene, "domestic engineer," demonstrates the fine art of making kool-aid.

Sheryl Gonder
T.L. Hagy
Shelly Ham
Debbie Hamm
Cathene Hasler

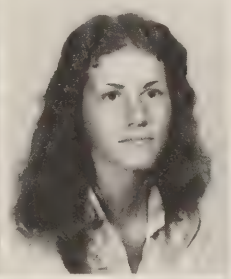
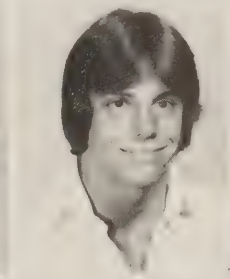
Kirby Hamish
Doug Harold
Garnell Harris
Lonnie Harbin
Gloria Haney



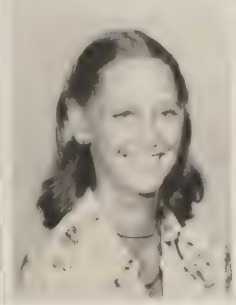
Tammie Hayes
Mick Hellie
Sherry Hessler
Jeff Horton
David Howe

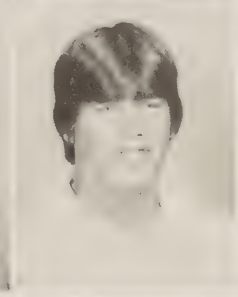
Sheila Holmes
Kathy Hudson
Michelle Hulula
Melinda Hundley
Carolyn Jackson

Industrial Arts class is a blend of simplicity with Bob Pettit.

Holly Jenkins
Robert Jenkins
Verna Jones
Jon Kain
Rex Kendrick





Gloria King
Edward Kolasz
Laurie Link
Robert Lowery
Todd Lutwig

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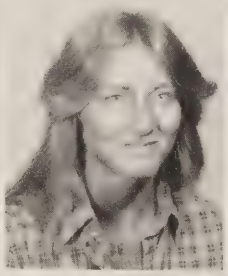
Lisa Maddox
Susan Mason
Tabey Malhom
Ian Mann
Jeff Martin

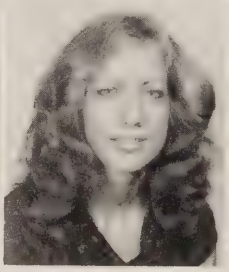
Jackie Lee Weiss (Grad Concert)

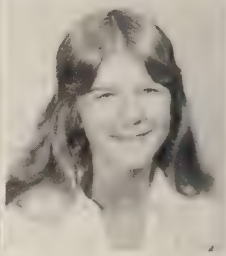
Sue Ogle (Jackie Pyramid Cheer leading, homecoming)

Scott Mason
Brenda Matthews
Jennifer Mayberry
James McCann
Dawn McKay



Susan McLeary
Laura McMillen
Wanda Mewhinney
Perry Miles
Lashon Miller





Joseph Miller
Richard Miller
Tamara Miller
Theresa Morris
Michael Moore

Sherri Moore
Donna Moore
Beth Morris
Thomas Myers
David Neel

Christine Nemec
Kathy Newton
Laura Norton
Daniel Oliver
Sharon Parrish

Gary Pedersoli
Mary Pendley
Kimberly [illegible]
Tammy Perkins
Deborah Pittman

Far left: Wendy LeMay, Pam [illegible], Kathryn Nelson. Left: Sitting people - Nine Number of exclusive department.

Joe Piotrowski
Scott Pope
Christina Pratt
Richard Price
Gary Purvis

Carla Reeves
Jerry Reynolds
Tom Richardson
Cecelia Sandy
Vicki Schools

Michael Schwartz
Chris Scott
Denise Sherrill
Annette Small
David Smith

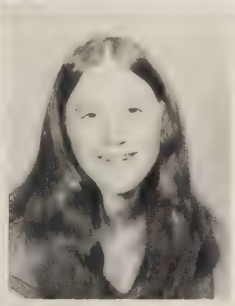
Greg Spence
Jerry Sprouse
Laurell Stacy
John Steamitz
Blake Strome

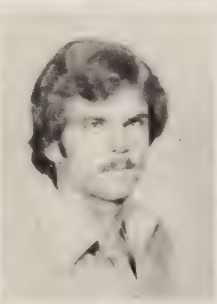
Rick Strong
Evelyn Stuck
Robert Talley
Jad Tates
Cheryl Taylor

Gary Sadler, Head Prof of Chemistry and Physics, demonstrates to Tom Adams and Kevin Batchelor in its-Dow a Sullivan.

Chris Seaton and Holly Rice demonstrate what really happens in the teachers lounge.

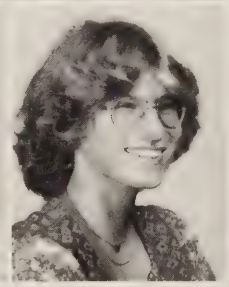
German II's version of the unknown zombi.

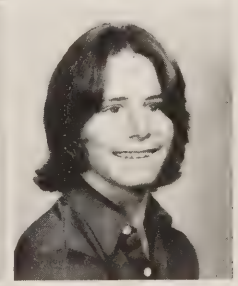




Sheila Tedder
David Thomas
Kim Thomburg
Mark Tilley
Greg Trent

Brenda Tuck
Darren Turner
Pablo Uceras
Terri VanMeter
Gerald Vaughan





Eliso Waylo
Rusty Will
Brian Walls
Terrie Walton
Jeff Watson

Monte Webster
Sandra Jo Weldon
Connie Weeks
Karen West
James Wheeler

Wendy Wheeler
Ronnie White
Anita Wiederde
Herbie Williams
Diana Wells

Johnny Wolfe
Laura Wood
Robin Young
Jeanne Zavernik

Julian Porter, history department head, demonstrates the Mambo.

Constance Kingston teaches students life skills and citizenship.

CLASS

SOPHOMORES

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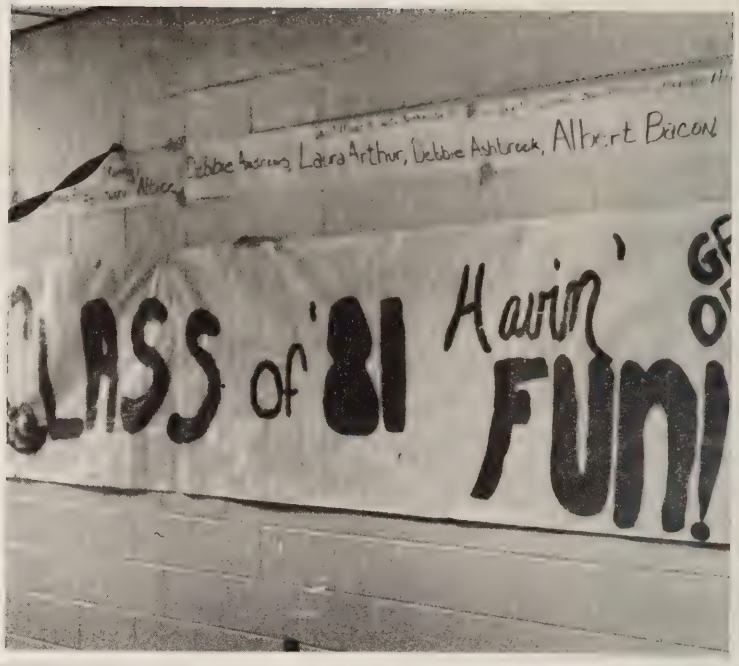
THE BEST!


Laura Arthur, Debbie Ashbrook, Albert Bacon
LASS of '81
Havin'
FUN!

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Just
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shy

WEAR
SCHOOL
COLORS
Spirit
Day Fri

Kathy Pinches, Sally Sabol, Marianne [illegible] Lynne Dowell

Marianne Colonelli - smiling after her Grammar and history classes

Robin Landa
Doug Larson
Jay Lowell
Kathy Lay
Robin Lehman

Anna Lewis
Mike Lynch
Tina Lorenzo
Kevin Lynott
Tom Lynnae

H.O.O. Lyons
Darrin Lythgoe
Karl Marks
David Marshall
David Martin

Kathy Matthews
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Robert McLoughlin
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Ronald McMillan

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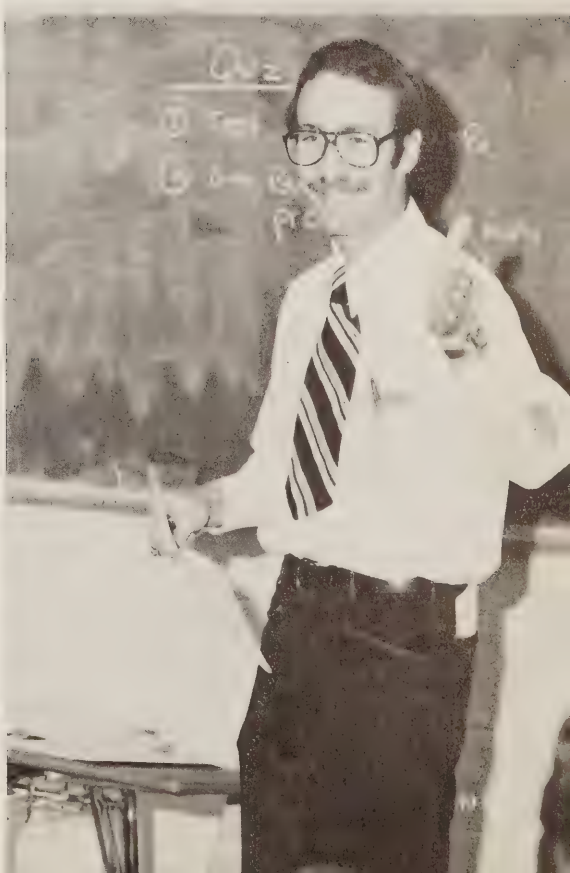

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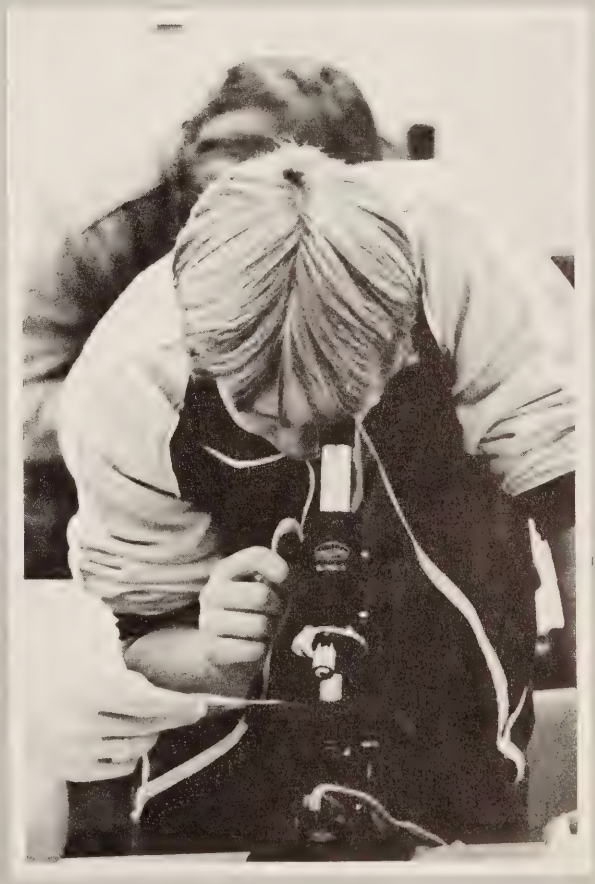
Biology: A Microscopic World



FRESHMEN

Class Officers

President—Kip Fowler
Vice-president—Pam Pratt
Secretary—Darlene Miles
Treasurer—Pam Perkins

Class Of '82

Rhonda Whitmore in a mild state of confusion.

Carl Adamez
Susie Aery

Donna Aldridge
David Allen
Mark Altice

Sheryl Andrews
Shawnee Atkinson
Roland Baker
Dorothy Bales
Tammy Banes

Steve Barbour
Robin Barlow
Barry Bartle
Patricia Barton
Mike Beall

Diane Benson
Felicia Berger
Gary Berger
Bill Berry
Dale Blackburn
Danny Blaszak

Melinda Bond
Norma Boughman
Jackie Bowles
Frank Bowman
Debbie Bowry
John Brady

Charles Branch
Wanda Branch
Teresa Braudrick
Lisa Brand
Jimmy Brock
Karen Brodie

Goofing off, Jackie Bowles and Alan Chamberlin's favorite pastime.

Geography teacher, Betty Hafling, takes it easy at a game.

Doug Browne
David Bryant
Susan Bunner
Greg Burke
Jeff Burley
David Campbell

Charlene Carroll
Danny Carroll
Bill Chalkey
Alan Chamberlin
Tammy Chewning
Bryan Clayton

William Clements
Linwood Clodfelter
Chris Coalson
Skeeter Coates
Stephanie Coff
Donnie Collie

Laura Combee
Nellie Combs
Clayton Compton
Lucinda Conner
Chris Cooke
Randy Copeland

Joe Lotti says "Cheese"

Karl Przystawik, with his Health Class.

Charleen Covert
Amy Cox
John Cratch
Wesley Creasey
Kevin Cunningham
Anthony Daniels

Mike Davis
Tami Davis
Tammy Davis
Toni Deal
Keith Didlake
Sally Dockery

Eric Doersch
Karen Donati
John Dorazio
Teresa Dorsett
Allen Drinkwater
Kim Dunham

Kim Dunn
Ann Dunnavant
Kevin Duvall
Anthony Edwards
Barbara Elam
Paul Elliot

Mary Eubank
Nancy Everett
Sherri Everhart
Michael Flores
Brenda Fortune
Kip Fowler

Science teacher, Ben Brockwell, comments, "I know I'm perfect, why smile?"

This is what we call team work!

Tony Friend
Michael Friend
Michael Gallagher
Marion Giacini
Keith Gilbert
Lorri Gilbert

Christal Gilliam
Gwen Glass
Jeffrey Glidewell
James Godsey
David Gold
Linda Goodman

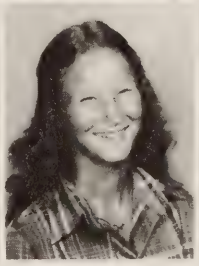
Cindy Goss
Robin Graves
Al Green
Pam Green
Lori Greene
George Gregory

Michael Groome
Jeanette Guffey
Allen Hagy
Dennis Halderman
Paul Hale
Deborah Haley

Does English teacher Linda Gillespie give vocal lessons in her spare time?

Scott Rogers, another Mona Lisa.

Gail Hall
Albert Hambright
Wesley Hamm
Joseph Hanchey
Donna Hancock
Pat Hanley

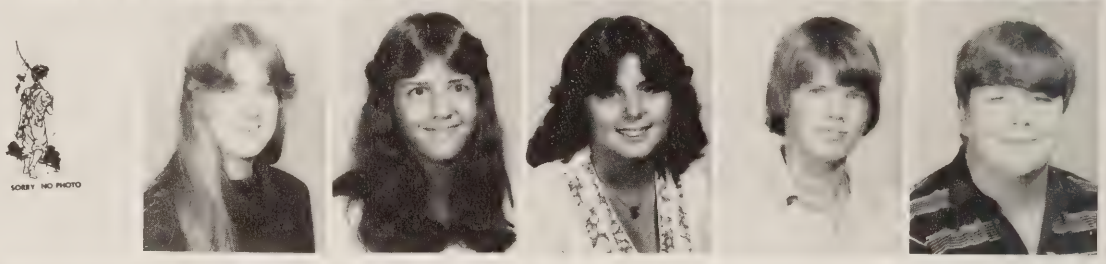


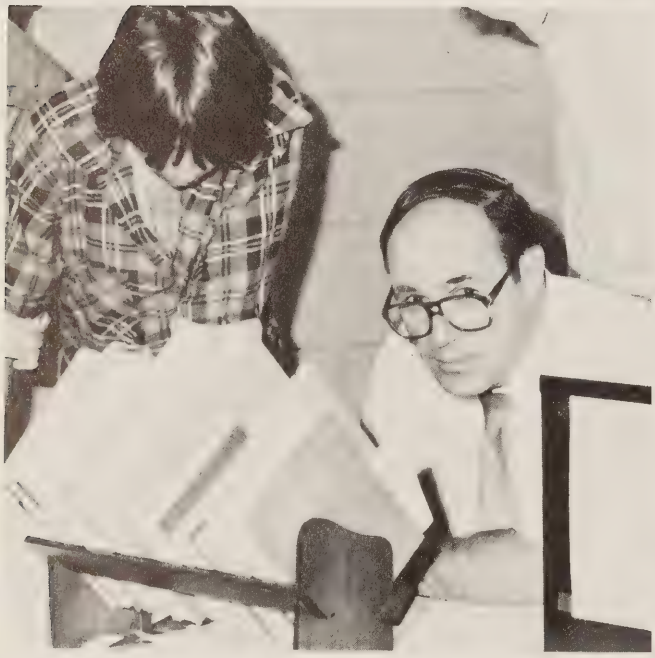
Debbie Hardy
Annette Hatfield
Wayne Havens
Robin Henry
Chip Hicks
Gretchen Holmberg

Charlotte Holmes
Donna Holmes
Renee Hresan
Todd Huband
Ray Hudson
Jeff Hulon

Lynn Jenkins
Stephanie Johns
Greg Johnson
Jeff Johnson
Belinda Johnston
Kim Jones

Nathaniel Jones
Cathy Kannegieter
Amy Keever
Shelia Kelley
Eric Kemp
Keith Kierson



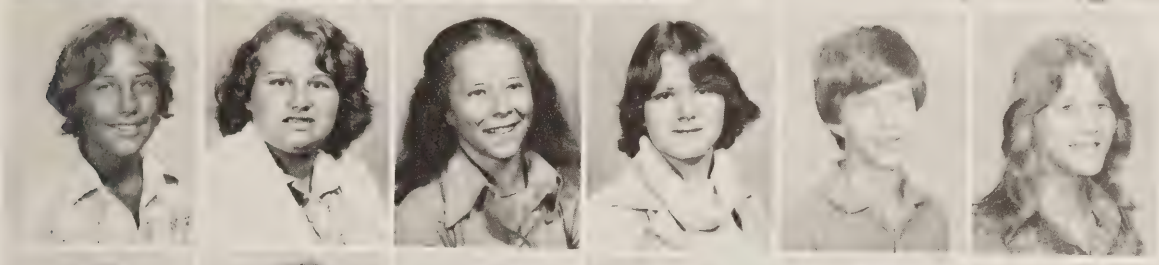


Paul Legg, English and world geography teacher, is never too busy to smile.

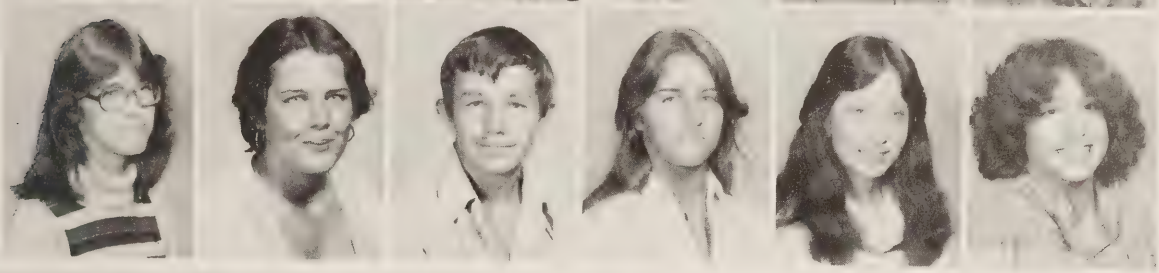
Carolyn Paulette teaches English with pride.

Chris King
Susan Kittle
Susan Knapp
Kelley Knight
Sharon Kollatz
Stevie Lael

Teresa Lamb
Kevin Lawson
Jeff Lee
Tammy Lewis
Carolyn Litchford
Joe Lotti



Ralph Lovern
Mary Lucas
Michelle Lyman
Dana Maddox
David Mann
Tammy Marshall



Sheryl Mason
Brenda McFadden
Luther McMillian
Terri Meadows
Darlene Melton
Kathy Melvin

Robin Radford takes a break between classes,

Sandra Hudson asks Bernice Donley for more explanation of an algebriac equation.

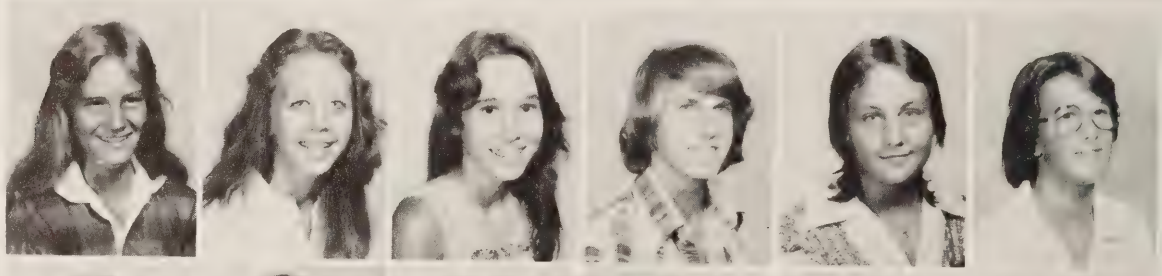
Bryant Melvin
Byron Miles
Darlene Miles
Danny Miller
Donald Miller
Jack Miller

Freshmen Survive

Freshmen enjoy a leisurely day in English class.

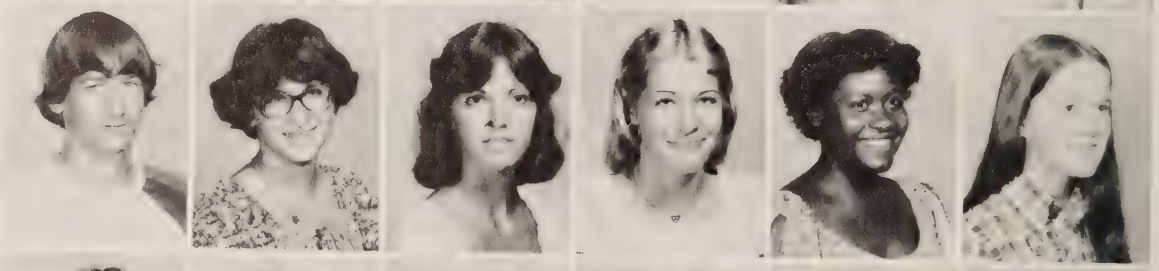
Darlene Melton and Paul Wheeler participate in Latin class.

Sherri Mills
Stephanie Moore
Theresa Moore
James Moores
Cheryl Morgan
Libby Morrison



Irvin Moubray
Laura Murphy
William Neel
Dianne Nelson
Susan Nelson
Tommy Nye

Charles O'Brian
Karen O'Neal
Joanne Orr
Kim Pardue
Edith Parham
Lynn Parr



Scott Peach
Pam Perkins
Eddie Phillips
Sally Phillips
Beverly Pilley
Henry Pohlig

Judi Bitner helps Coach Brattan with his Spanish, **Sure?**

James Copp says "Who says my students never do their geometry homework?"

John Pollard
Cathy Poprik
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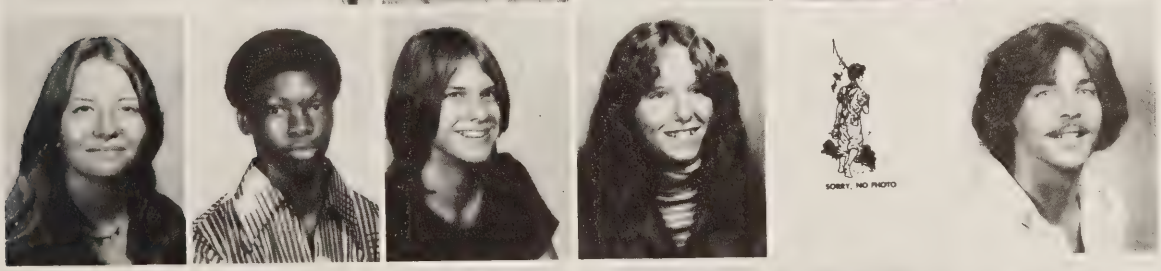

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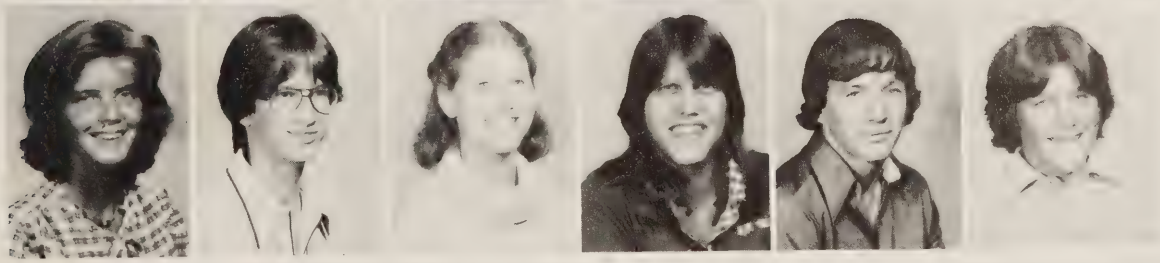

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Kyle Richardson
Angela Roach
Patti Roberts
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Scott D. Rogers
Mike Rosenberg
James Russell
Chuck Ryburn
Ray Sams
Mike Saunders

Margaret Morris Harrison is all smiles about teaching French.

Sherri Mills and Sherri Everhart **Shout, Shout it out** with spirit.

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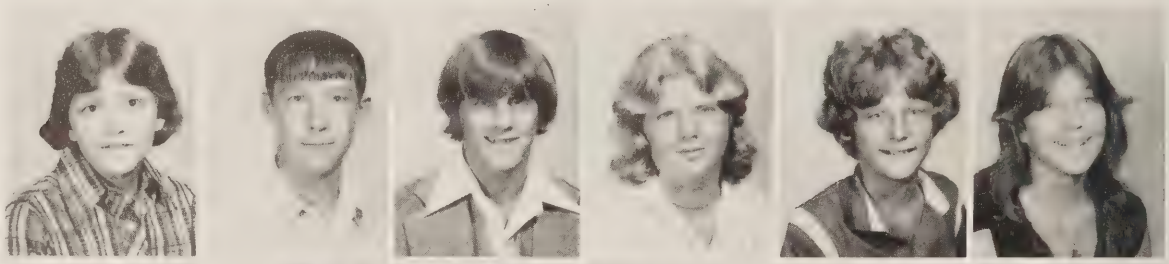
Erich Sawyer
Cliff Scantling
Donna Schools
Kenneth Semple
Debbie Seymour



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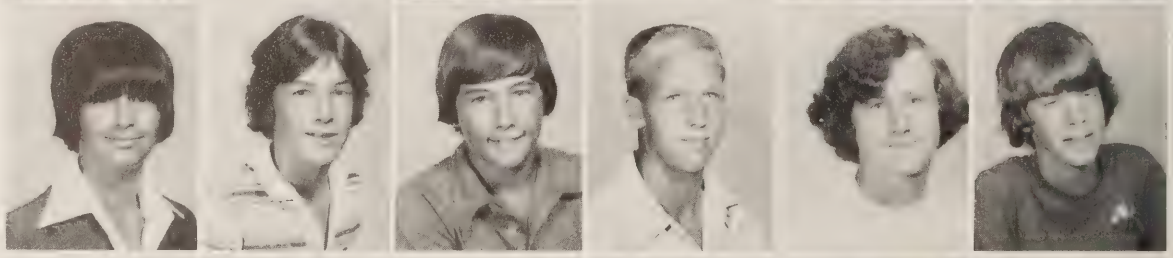

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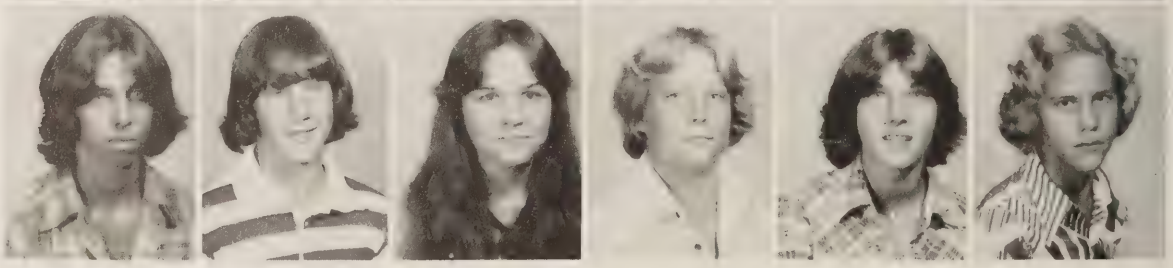


Susan Spencer
Angela Stroud
Peggy Stuck
David Swinson
Rhonda Taylor
Scott Taylor

James Mitchell offers individual help in his science class.

Judy Wilson enjoys a little rest and relaxation after her health classes.

Sharon Taylor
Scott Thatcher
David Thaw
Lisa Thomas
Warren Thomas
Amy Thompson

Robin Thompson
Donnie Tinnell
Ronnie Tinnell
Danna Tomblin
Stephanie Tompkins
Mike Tsou

Jeff Tyler
Ricky Vaughn
Charles Wagner
Steve Wagoner
Paul Waitkus
Tammy Wallace

Doug Walters
Lynette Wamsley
Harold Webster
Jerome Weedon

David Weeks
Marian Welchons
Wanda Wells
Paul Wheeler
Brian White

Julia Whitener
Darlene Whiteside
Rhonda Whitmore
Michael Williamson
Suzanne Willis
Joyce Wilson

Kris Wilson
Robert Wilson
Lori Winn
Bobby Wood
Debra Wood
Nicole Wood

Boone Wooten
Juli Wyatts
Wanda Yeatts
Maria Yencha
Anne Zavertnik
John Zilius

Camille Flick enjoys English with her class.

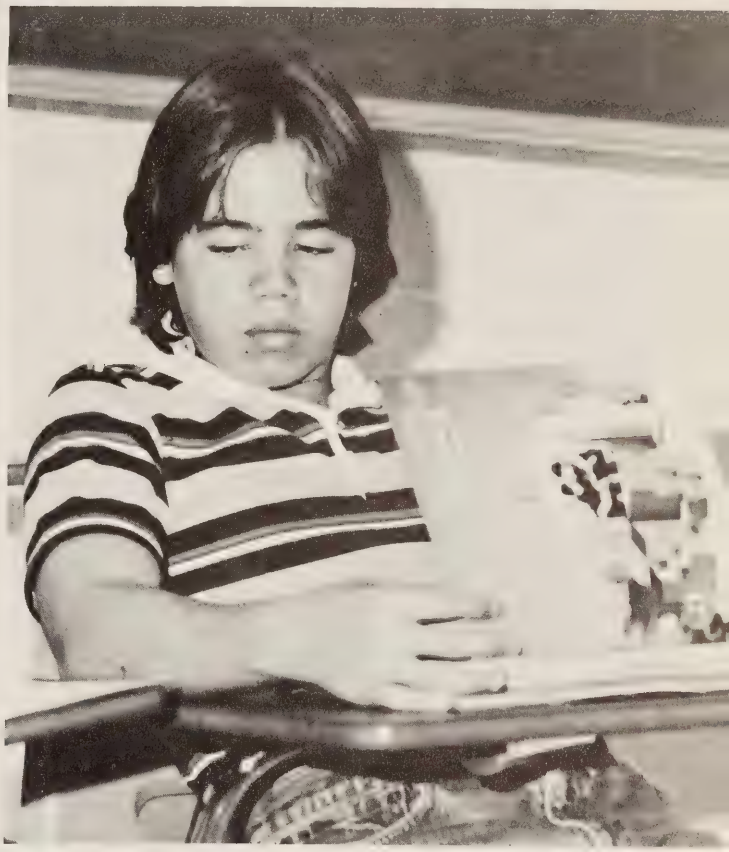
Sheryl Mason and Lori Gilbert do the **Lloyd C. Bird strut.**

opposite: Janet Sloan and Renee Hresan take a stroll through the halls.

below: Warren Thomas seems puzzled with math.

lower left: Marsha Osbourne and Stephanie Tompkins relax after field hockey practice.

lower right: Math teacher Betty Billingsley takes time teaching Craig Amiss to smile for the camera.

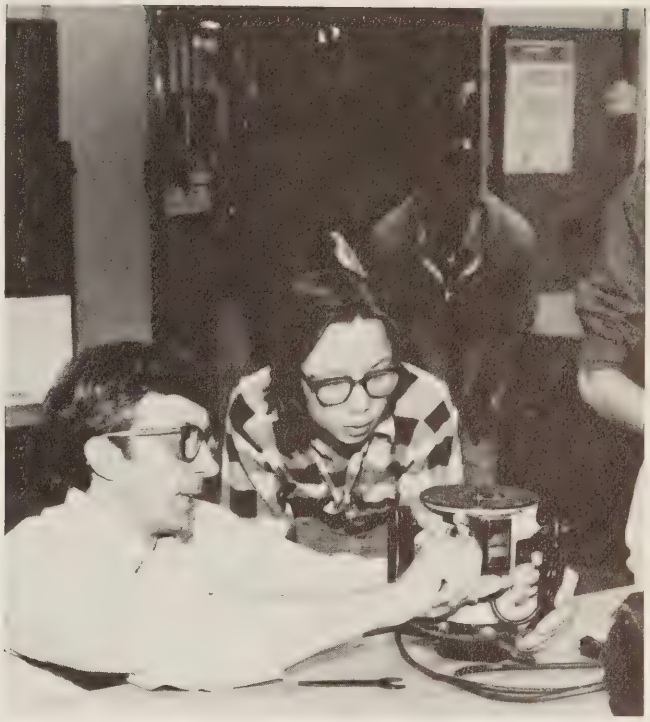


Susan Hawkes creates future **Redford** and **Portier.**

Paul Hetterick teaches, "How to put it together again in 180 lessons."

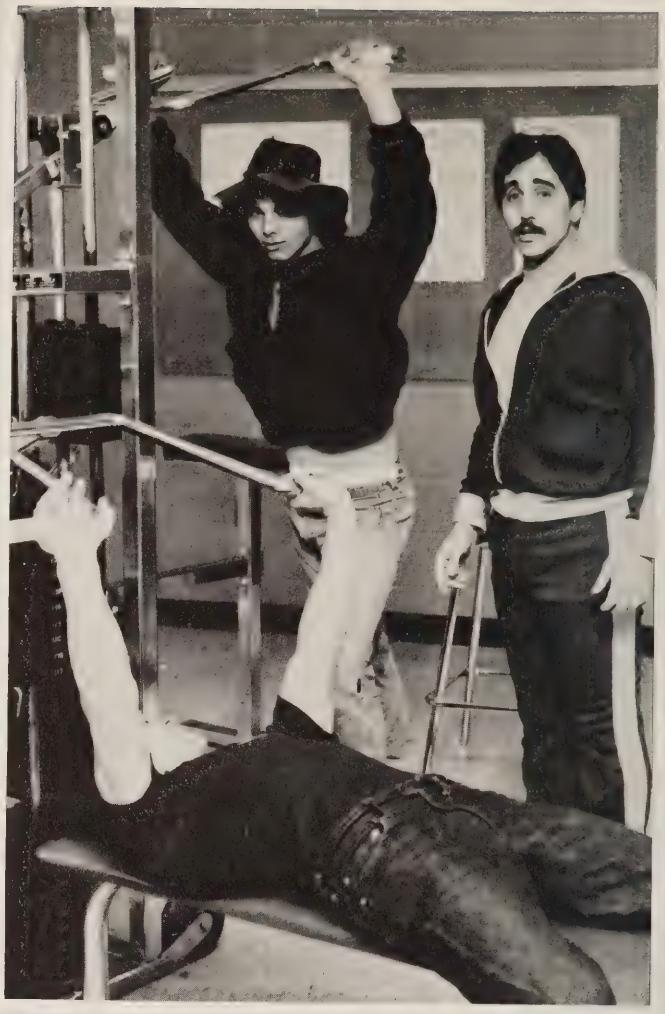
Burch Redford never too busy for a break.

Students receive individual attention in Barbara Byrd's classes.



David Weeks receives last important details from Gregory Hafer.

Perfect typing is music to Robin Phillips.



Coaches Steven Fornash and Joe Pici help students build strong bodies and minds.

"Would you believe . . . future Einstein's?" suggests Rachel Beasley.

Steven Cormier delights in teaching the civil war era.
Happy Hat Day participant, Joan Barnes shows the **art** of smiling.

Yvonne Wilkerson, with living proof that teaching English **11** takes patience.

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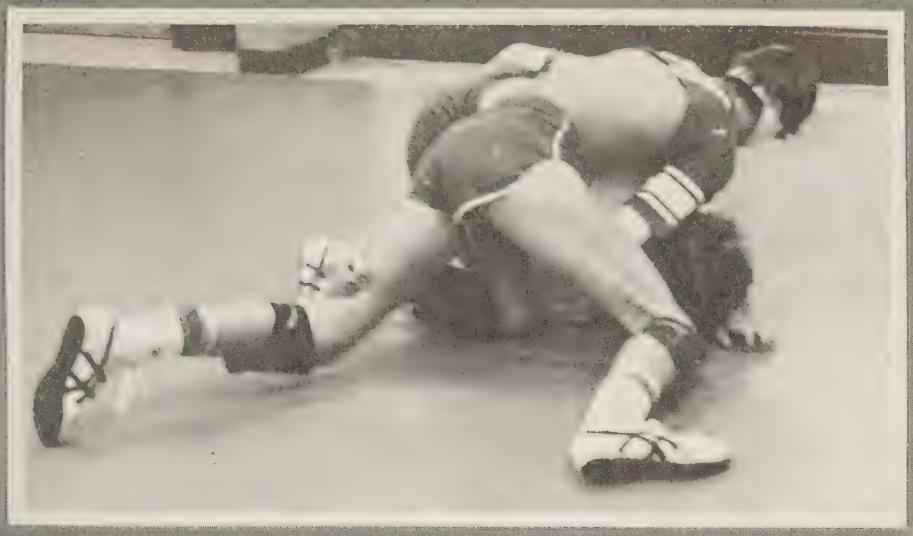
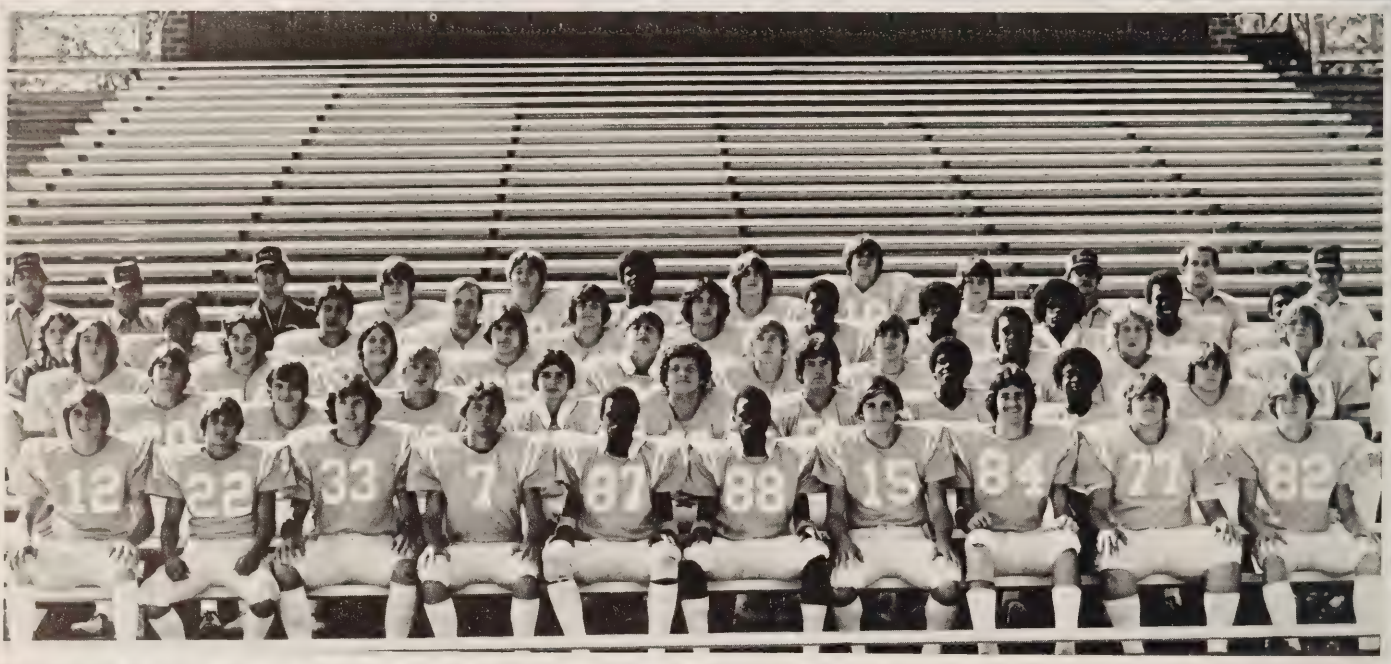
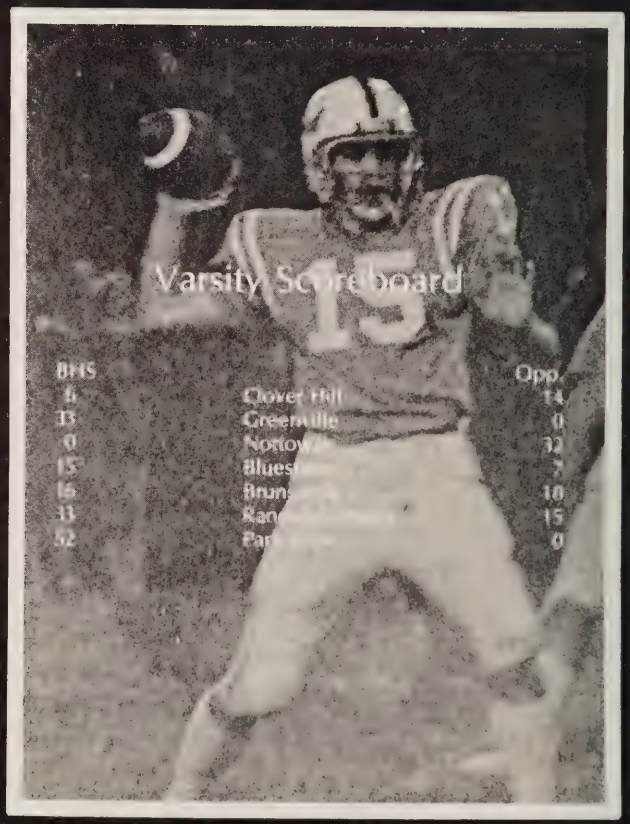


COMPET-ING

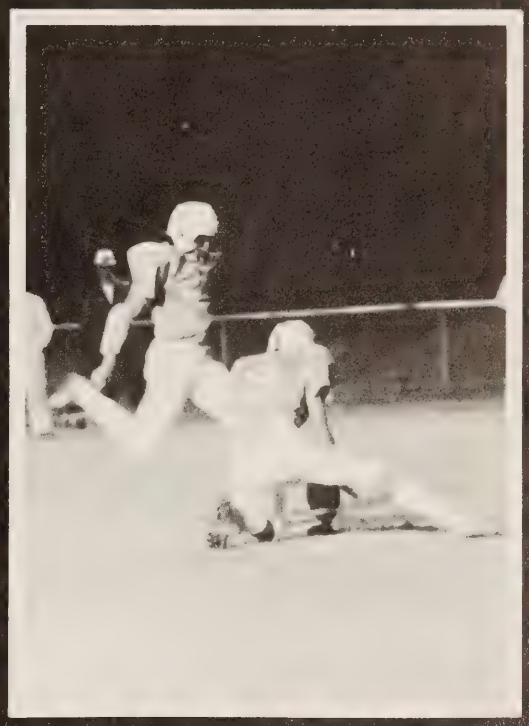
VARSITY SKYHAWKS . . .



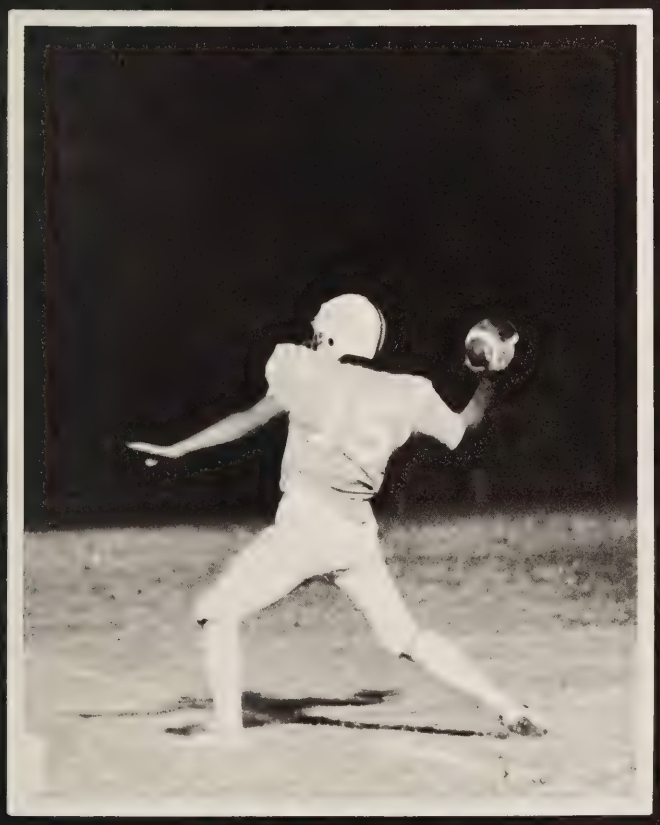
D. Bosher, G. Spence, S. Freed, J. Herron, B. Fisher, capt; E. Fisher, capt; R. Cratch, S. Anderson, T. Ludwig, D. Dagenhart. **2nd:** D. Martin, D. Beavers, L. Dunnavant, J. Wheeler, M. Browning, T. Myers, D. Clarke, D. Harris, J. Kain. **3rd:** R. Baker, J. Adams, R. Osborne, H. Lyne, M. Beasley, D. Runner, G. Edmonds, L. Carroll, C. Comer, R. Moon. **4th:** D. Payne, G. Branch, M. Tsou, H. Modlin, W. Holmes, K. Dotson, J. Branch, T. Wright, T. Wright, F. Clements, R. Tyson. **5th:** J. Hoover, K. Przystawik, B. Brockwell, P. Waitkus, J. Ramsey, J. Russell, C. Ryburn, J. Bowles, P. Neel, J. Pici, T. Bratton, head coach; and W. Gilliam. Not pictured: R. White, W. Harper. **Below:** coaching staff, line-up: B. Brockwell, W. Gilliam, K. Przystawik, **back:** J. Hoover, T. Bratton and J. Pici.

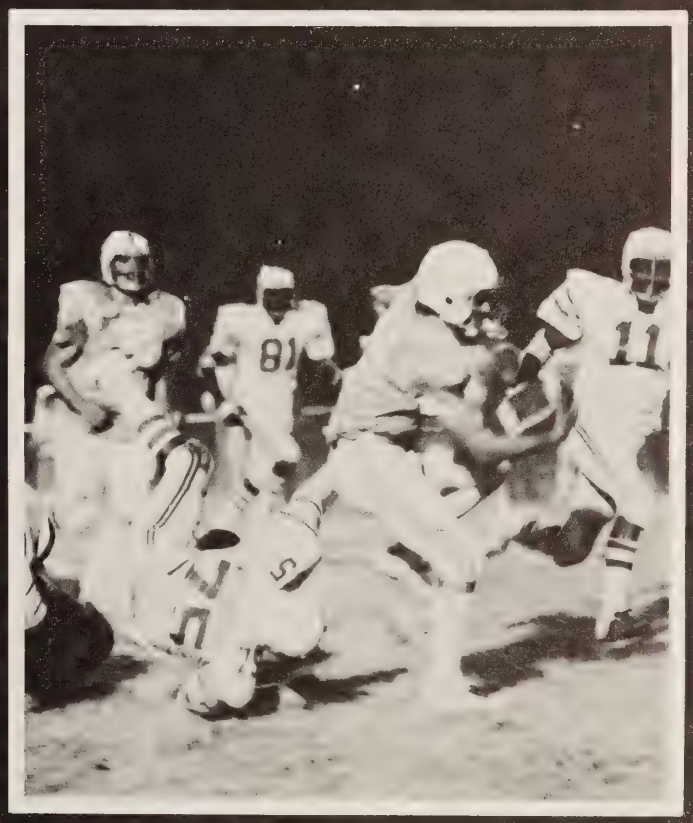


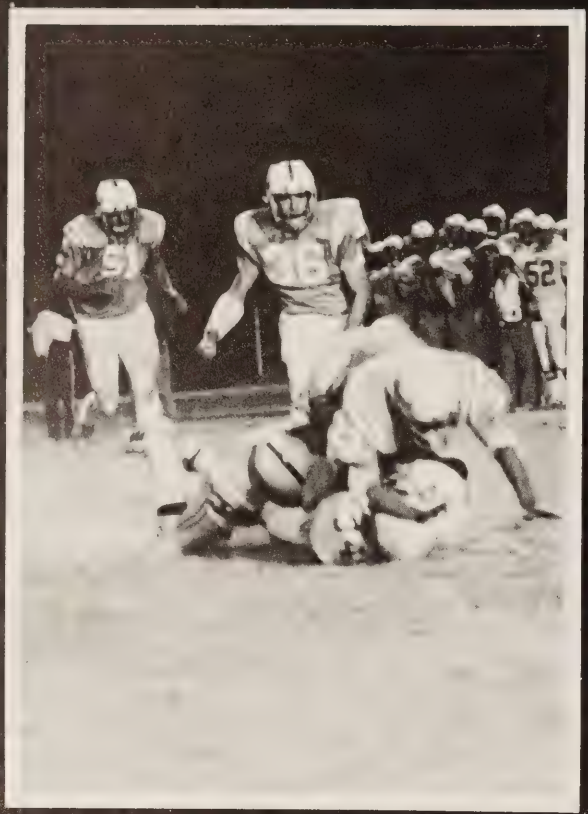
Excel on Gridiron.

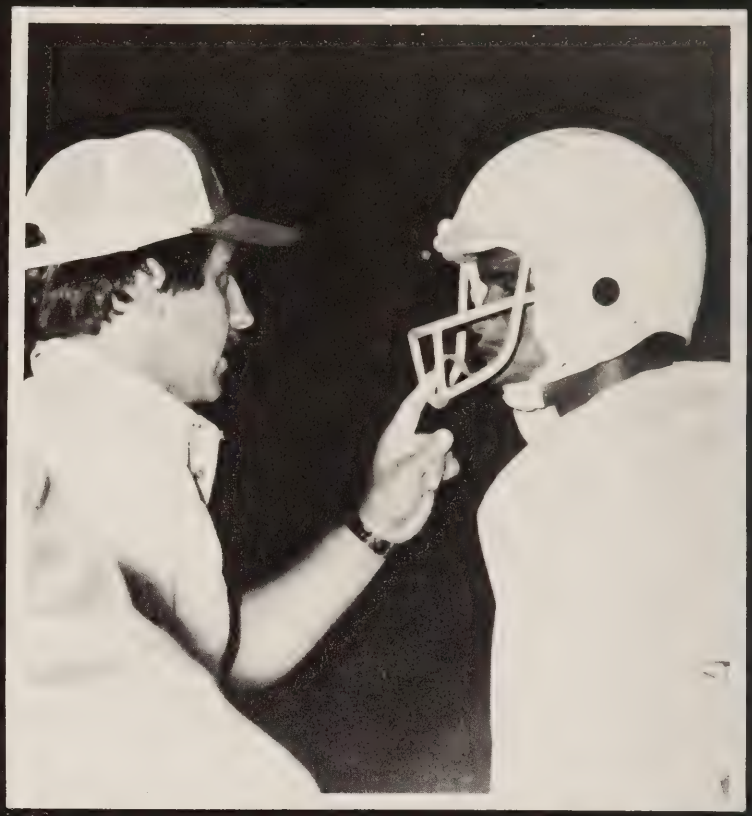


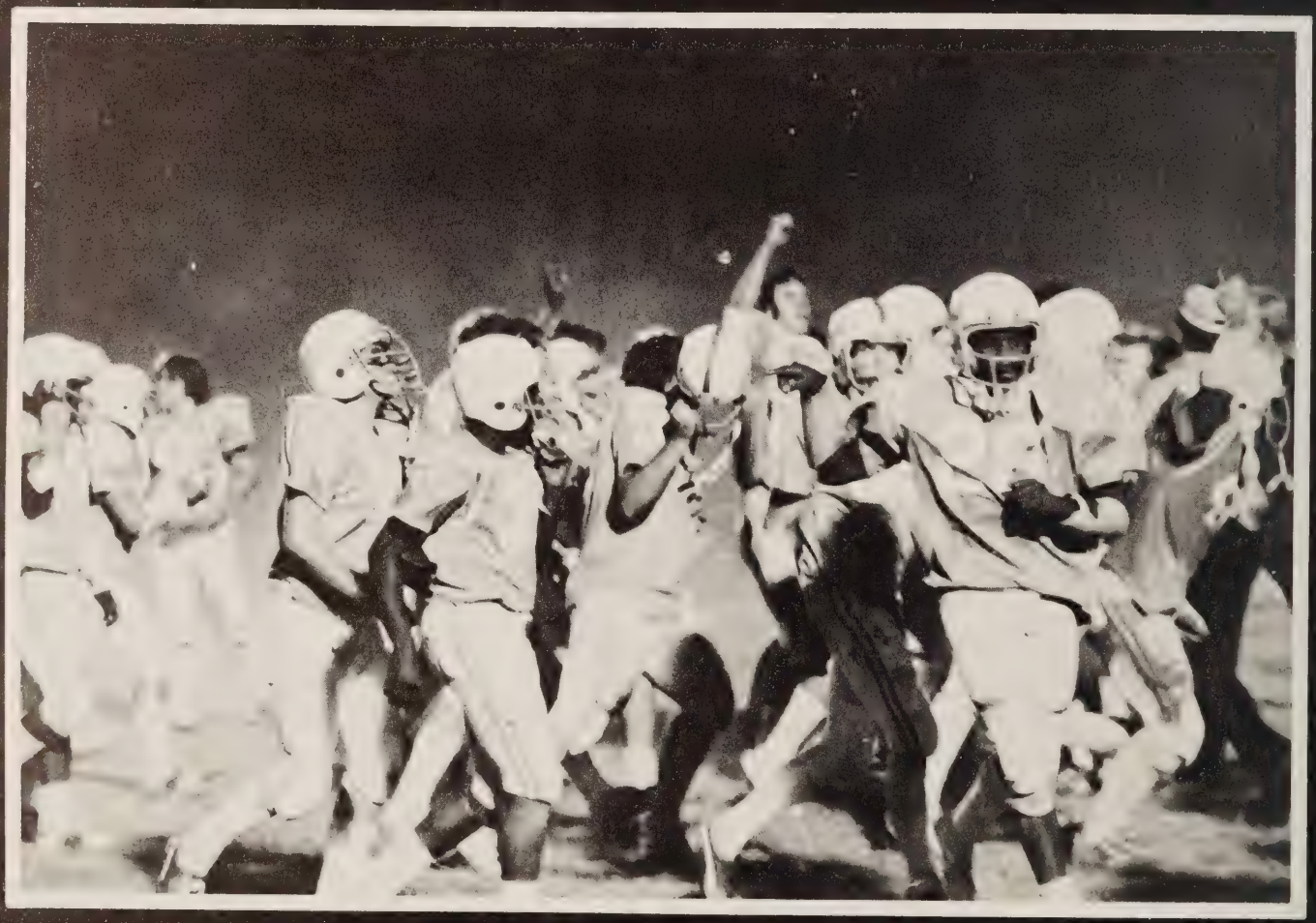
Skyhawks' captains Earl and Burrell Fisher were featured in local newspaper—articles not only because of their skillful leadership on the field but because it is rumored that they look alike.
Skyhawk fans enjoyed exciting, action-packed games.

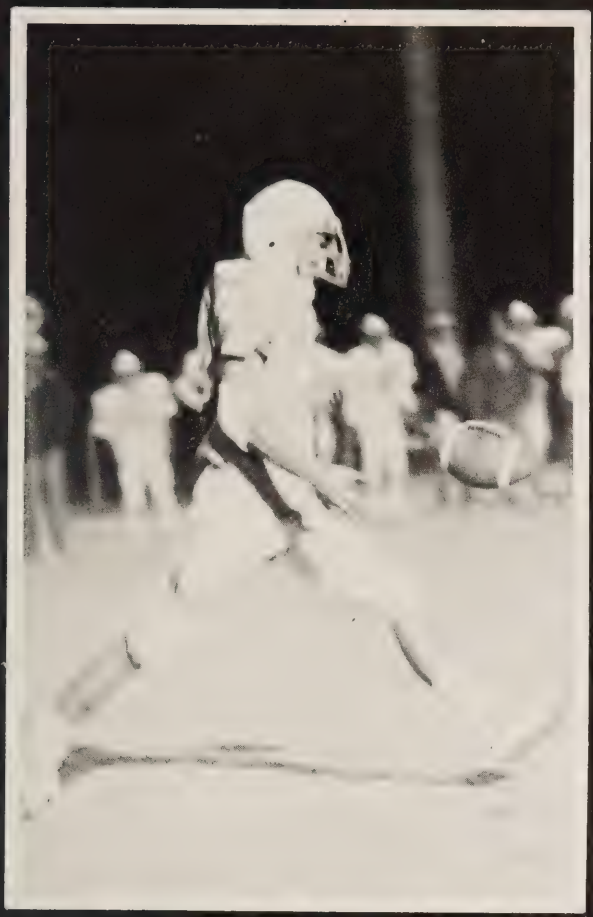


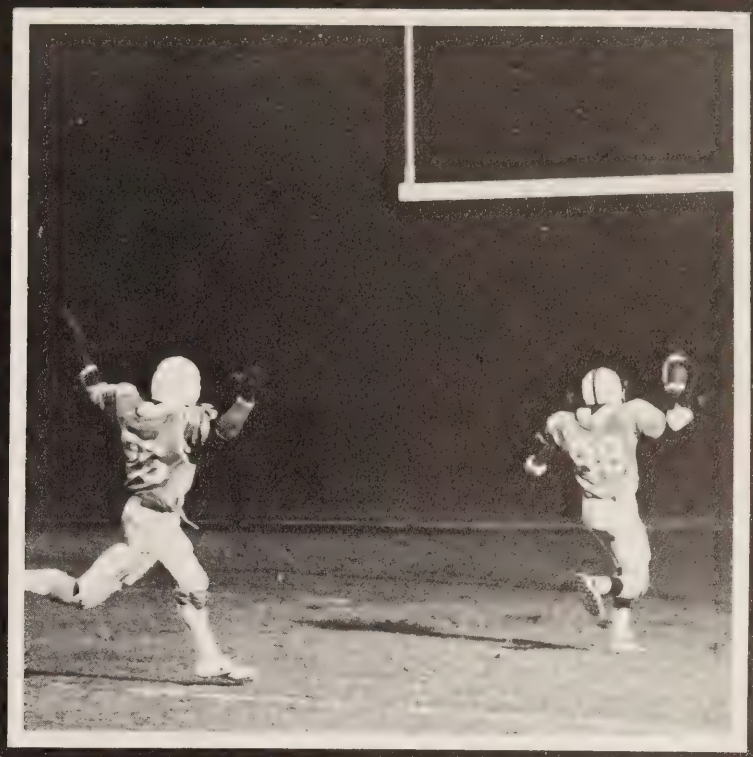


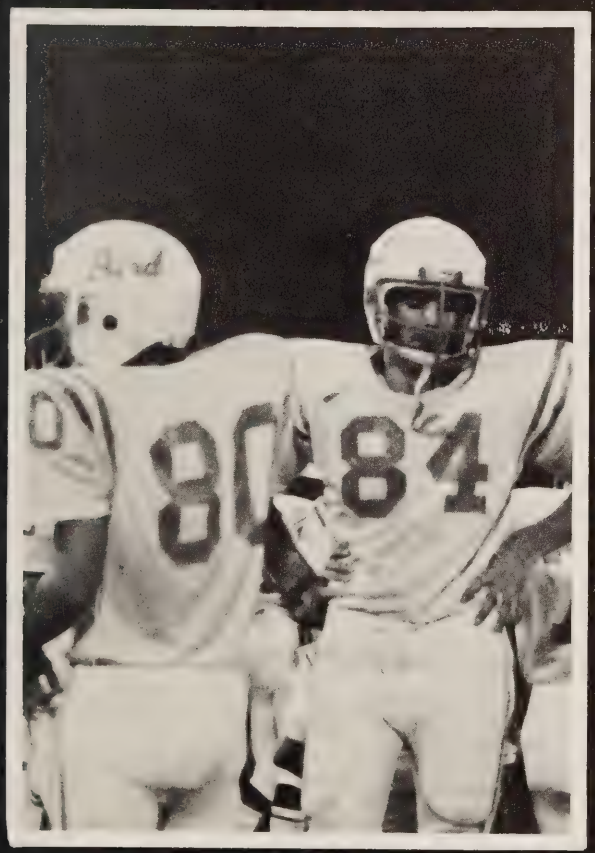










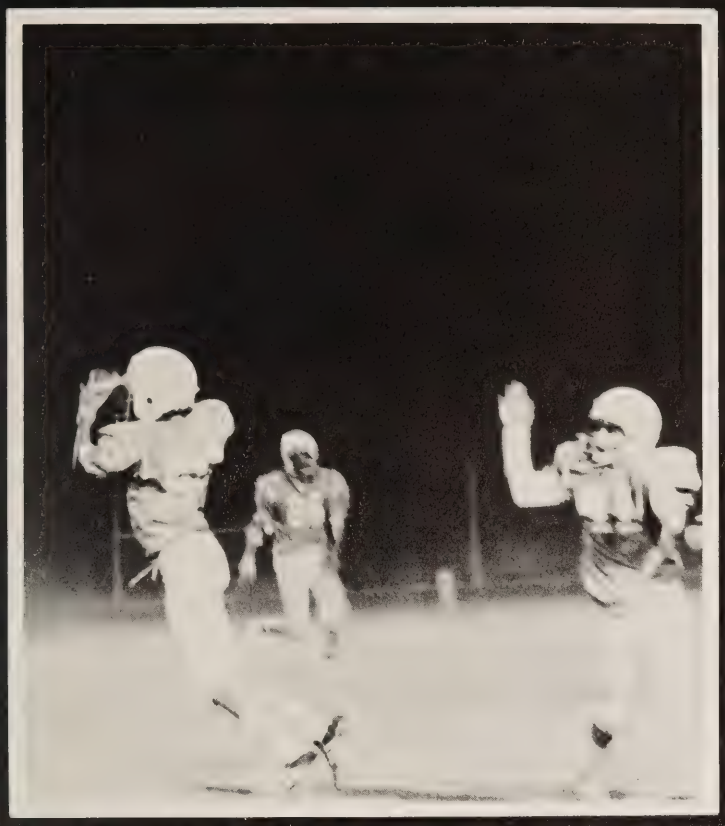


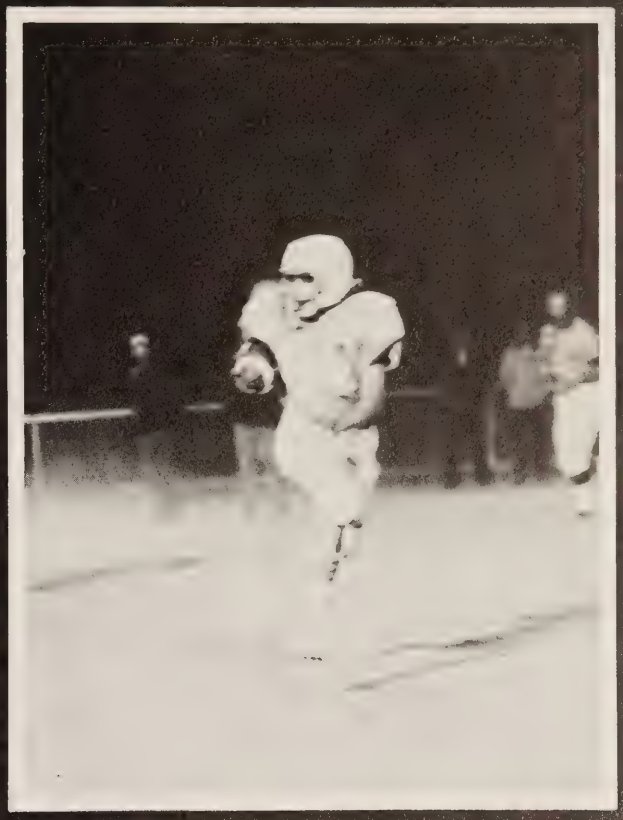
Finishing the first season with a record of 5-3, Skyhawks did not let the fact that there were no seniors on the team affect their ability to win. The first and only game of the season played on L.C. Bird's home turf against Matoaca ended in Skyhaw victory 12-7, topping off the winning season. Varsity Skyhawks placed 3rd in the Southside District.

Junior Varsity

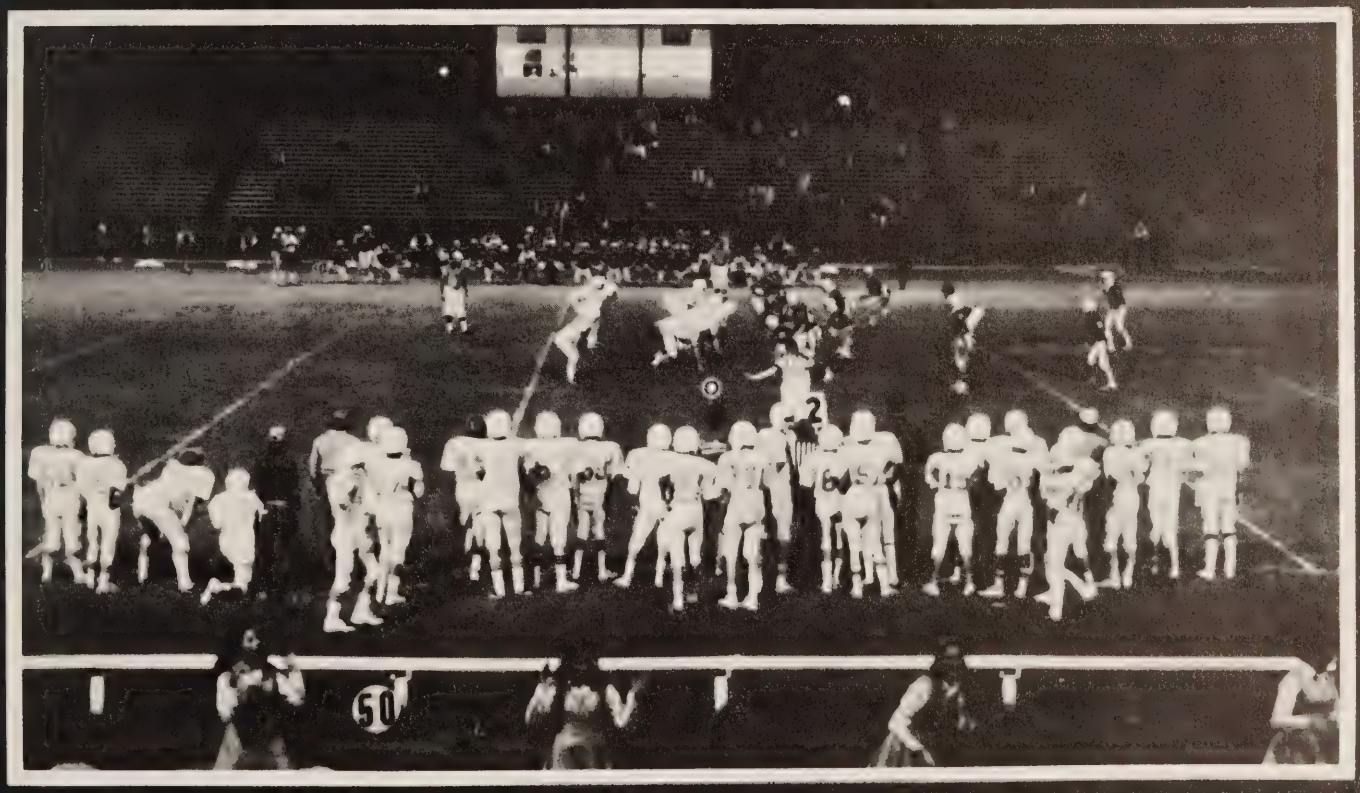
front: W. Morgan, J. Cratch, R. Stuart, A. Chamberlin, N. Skidmore, capt; M. Davis, J. Pollard, J. Johnson, L. Clodfelter, S. Taylor. **center:** T. Stinson, A. Hagy, C. Branch, C. Spencer, C. Coalson, K. Cunningham, S. Rogers, J. Tyler, P. Wheeler, R. Wilson, K. Didlake, mgr. **back:** B. Morgan, R. Carlton, T. Nye, J. Knott, J. Lotti, C. Rogers, M. Rosenberg, J. Mitchell, capt; D. Slaughter, K. Fowler, J. Lee, and S. Thatcher. **below** Captains Skidmore and Mitchell.

BHS		OPP.
0	Midlothian	40
6	Clover Hill	0
0	Meadowbrook	0
0	Matoaca	28
0	Thomas Dale	24
team record		1-3-1





above left: Paul Wheeler proves that practice pays. Del Slaughter **right,** demonstrates speed and agility on the field. **Below:** cheerleaders, team and officials are ready for a tough contest.



Varsity Cheerleaders

Gloria King; Lisa Flores, Lynda Stuck; Beth Kcraget, Darlene Miles, Amy Cox; Teresa Stinson, Kim Thornburg, Lynne Eades and Wanda Wells sitting pretty as Skyhawks first varsity squad.

Junior Varsity

Debbie Jackson, Sherry Mills; Lynne Jenkins, Rhonda Jones: Sherri Everhart, Rhonda Whitmore, Pam Perkins, Robin Henry and Charlotte Holmes have an unusual point of view.

Field Hockey

L.C. Bird vs. Meadowbrook	0-7
	0-2
	0-1
L.C. Bird vs. Midlothian	0-7
	0-3
	0-4
L.C. Bird vs. Hopewell	0-2
	0-2
	1-0
Regional Runner-ups	
L.C. Bird vs. York	0-3

Sheryl Andrews, Linda Edwards, Mary Taylor, Jackie Claiborne, Connie Showalter, Debi Miller, Elise Wagner, Sheila Kelley and Terry VanMeter. **back** Terrish Clarke, Mary Peoples, Donna Bales, Nina Lewis, Cathy Davis, Sherry Taylor, Jeanne Zavertnik, Theresa Pugh, Coach Barbara Goode.

left: Cherri Taylor plays well rain or shine. **above:** Opps, says Debi Miller, I missed. Coach Goode consoles Linda Edward after a rough game. **below:** Jackie Claiborne urges Connie Showalter, Mary Peoples and Donna Bales on to victory.

Soccer

front: P. Utreas, J. Burley, B. Castle, M. Altice, D. Critchard, R. Talley, F. Gorse; middle: J. Dessoffy, N. Skidmore, J. Mitchell, A. Smith, J. Russell, R. Strong, M. Brand. back: K. Collie, G. Gibson, R. Osborne, J. Smart, M. Newcomb, T. Barrack, Coach Prystawik: Not pictured C. Perkins, C. Rodgers, R. Richardson, K. Richardson and E. Sawyer.

Cross Country

691, Kenny Lymann gives it all he's got. Runners Scott Mason, Ross Richardson, Skip Sawyer and Greg Hopper practice, practice, practice. Ready, Set, Win! Teammates Horace Daniels and Skip Sawyer aid injured Scott Mason.

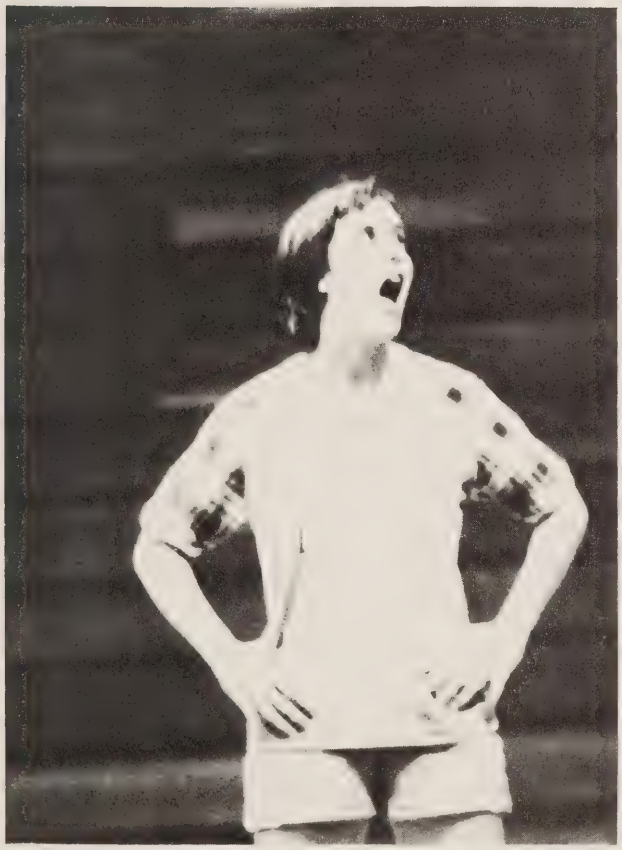
Lady Skyhawks Dominate!

Setting the basketball world afire, the Lady Skyhawks proved that experience is not always the factor that constitutes a winning team. Despite the fact that they had no court to call "Home," they breezed to a 14-5 record in their very first season. And the best part is—they will all return next year!

Back row: Manager: Barbara Andrew, Kelley Cunningham, Kim Dunn, Co-captain Pam Stanley, Sheila Holmes, Janice Adams. **Front row:** Lynne Gilbert, Susan McLean, Rene Hypes, Co-captain Shelby Anderson, Brenda Stargardt.

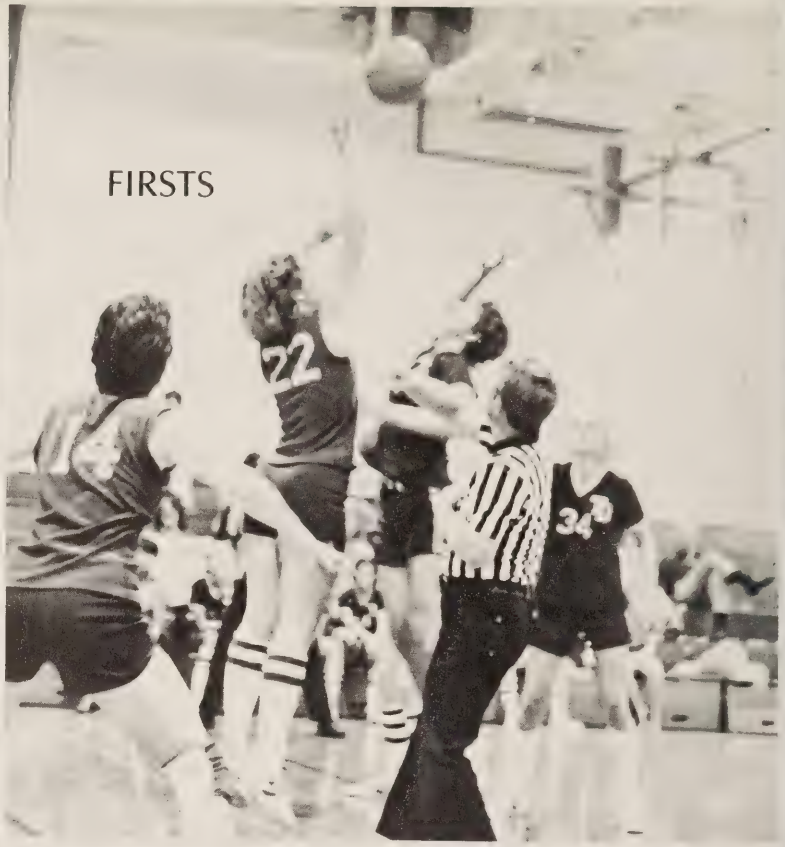
Is Lynne Gilbert sitting down on the job?

Brenda Stargardt demonstrates why she was a member of the All-Southside District first team and also of the All-Southside District tournament first team.



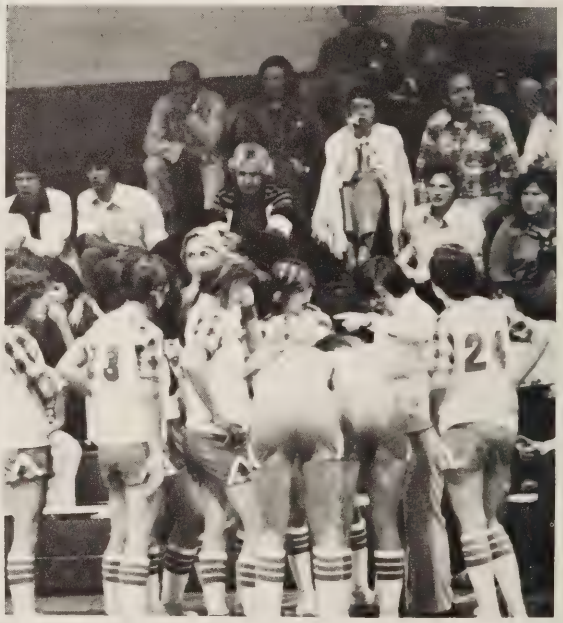
Aw, ref, you have **got** to be kidding!!

Bird		Opp
41	Clover Hill	50
59	Greensville	44
54	Nottoway	41
54	Bluestone	66
69	Brunswick	46
77	Randolph-Henry	60
50	Matoaca	54
59	Park View	43
45	Clover Hill	42
62	Greensville	53
57	Nottoway	40
56	Bluestone	64
74	Brunswick	33
47	Randolph-Henry	40
65	Matoaca	61
53	Park View	40
	Tournament	
61	Brunswick	19
32	Clover Hill	49
54	Matoaca	49



Clad in Thomas Dale uniforms, the Lady Skyhawks eagerly await their first game; and then they go to work.

Co-captains Pam Stanley and Shelby Anderson present a basketball, which represents the first victory in our history, to Mr. Lindsey.



Coach Judy Wilson describes her strategy for the first tournament game ever.

The Future Looks Bright

Due to the spirit of the JV ladies

Also in Thomas Dale uniforms, the JV players get ready for action in their first game.

Bird		Opp.
23	Clover Hill	(OT)27
19	Nottoway	15
7	Brunswick	18
39	Central Junior High	37
16	Clover Hill	22
24	Greensville	23
18	Nottoway	32
13	Bluestone	42
22	Brunswick	21
24	Central Junior High	37

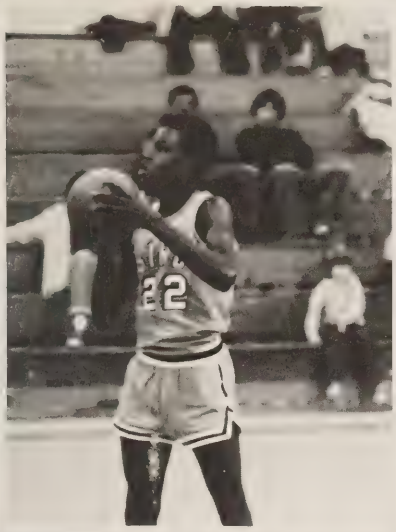
Front Row: Lorrie Gilbert, Captain Charlene Carroll, Norma Boughman, Robin Graves. **Back Row:** Nancy Miles, Annette Richardson, Ann Dunnavant, Tammy Davis, Sheryl Mason, Coach Bridget Hughes.

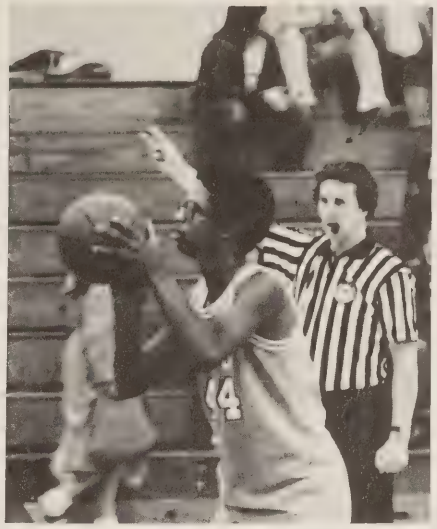
Varsity Cagers Gain Experience

Despite the disadvantage of having no player with any varsity experience, the basketball team was very impressive. Though injuries plagued the team, their desire was constantly apparent. Individual talent, like that of Jake Clark and Eric Friend (who were Honorable Mentions for the All-Southside District team), combined with determination to produce a successful end to their season.

Bird		Opp.
58	Randolph-Henry	53
49	Clover Hill	51
76	Greensville	63
38	Nottoway	49
51	Bluestone	68
45	Brunswick	60
59	Meadowbrook	70
34	Midlothian	39
49	Matoaca	65
48	Park View	58
53	Meadowbrook	35
47	Nottoway	56
57	Bluestone	62
52	Brunswick	60
50	Clover Hill	38
55	Randolph-Henry	51
48	Matoaca	45
74	Meadowbrook	75
77	Greensville	54

Front Row: Co-captains Burrell Fisher and Jake Clarke. **Back Row:** Manager Donna Bales, Monte Webster, Chris Scott, Brian Ganzert, Eric Friend, Coach Chuck Tester, Keith Bradley, Horace Daniel, Earl Fisher, Manager Marty Horner.





Burrell Fisher, Eric Friend, and Earl Fisher demonstrate their effective foul shooting techniques.

The team's big men, Keith Bradley (left) and Eric Friend (above) do what comes naturally.

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Bird		Opp
63	Randolph-Henry	67
43	Clover Hill	55
38	Greensville	61
51	Nottoway	63
43	Bluestone	46
54	Brunswick	59
58	Matoaca	48
63	Park View	62
54	Meadowbrook	37
57	Nottoway	55
54	Bluestone	64
46	Brunswick	60
31	Clover Hill	42
56	Randolph-Henry	77
42	Matoaca	40
18	Meadowbrook	39
46	Greensville	48

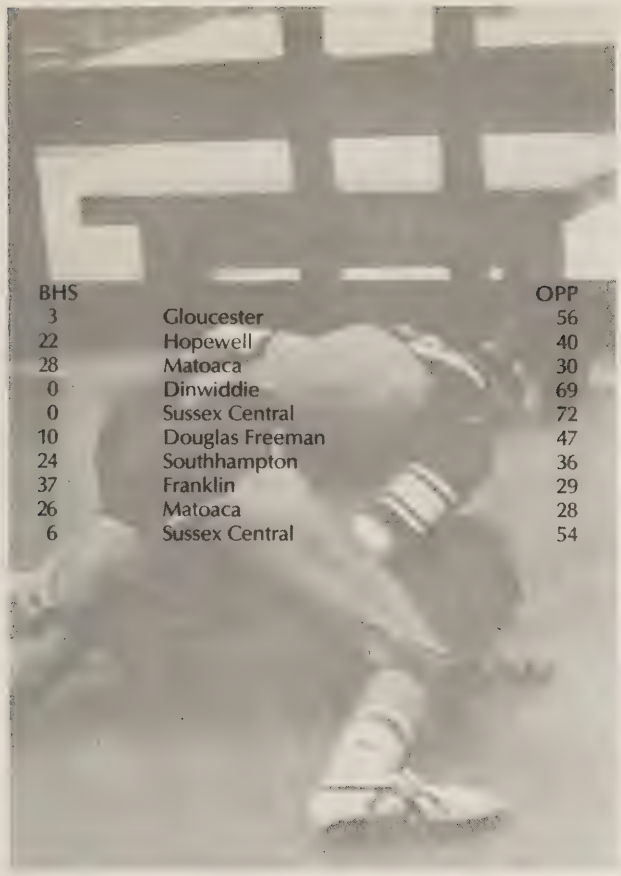
Gymnastics

BHS		OPP
41.4	Midlothian	57
57.2	Matoaca	–
63.6	Clover Hill	65.1
59.2	Meadowbrook	73.1

9th in regionals.

front: Rhonda Whitmore, Julia Whitener, Debi Miller, Pam Perkins, Charleen Covert, Sherri Mills, Karen Cooke, Rene Cole: **back:** Coach Barbara Goode, Susan Nelson, Debbie Jackson, Nancy Miles, Teddy Barrock, mgr; Susan Bunner; Elise Wagner, Tammy Davis and Coach Karl Przystawik.

Wrestling



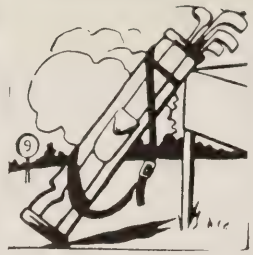
BHS		OPP
3	Gloucester	56
22	Hopewell	40
28	Matoaca	30
0	Dinwiddie	69
0	Sussex Central	72
10	Douglas Freeman	47
24	Southhampton	36
37	Franklin	29
26	Matoaca	28
6	Sussex Central	54

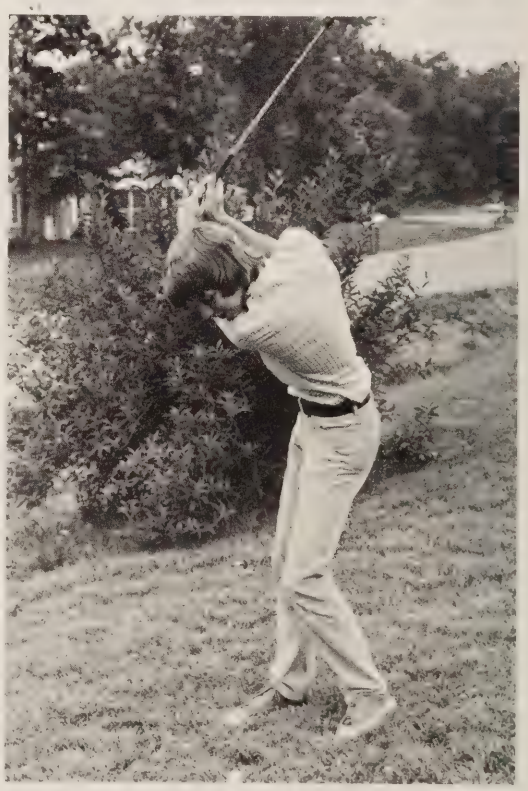
front: Mike Tsou, Dayle Runner, Jeff Glidewell, Bobby Lowery, David Chamberlin: **center:** John Cratch, Mike Davis, Greg Hodge, Jeff Lee, Jimmy Wheeler, **back:** Joe Lotti, Alan Chamberlin, and Coach James Copp.

HONORS

Dayle Runner—4th place regional
Most wins—Jeff Lee 8
Most pins—David Chamberlin 2
Fastest pin—Dayle Runner 2:56
Most points—Jeff Lee 44

Porter's Putters Improve





Front Row: Coach Julian Porter, Manager Wendy Wheeler. **Second Row:** Mark Brand, Jeff Cole, John Rodgers. **Back Row:** Scott Tilley, John Zillius. **Not pictured:** Steve Stewart, Steve Anderson, David Mann, Roger Morrison, Eric Kemp, Ken Hansen.

Scott Tilley (above) and Jeff Cole (below) "get into the swing of things."

Players "Love" Tennis

Mike Beall demonstrates his winning backhand.

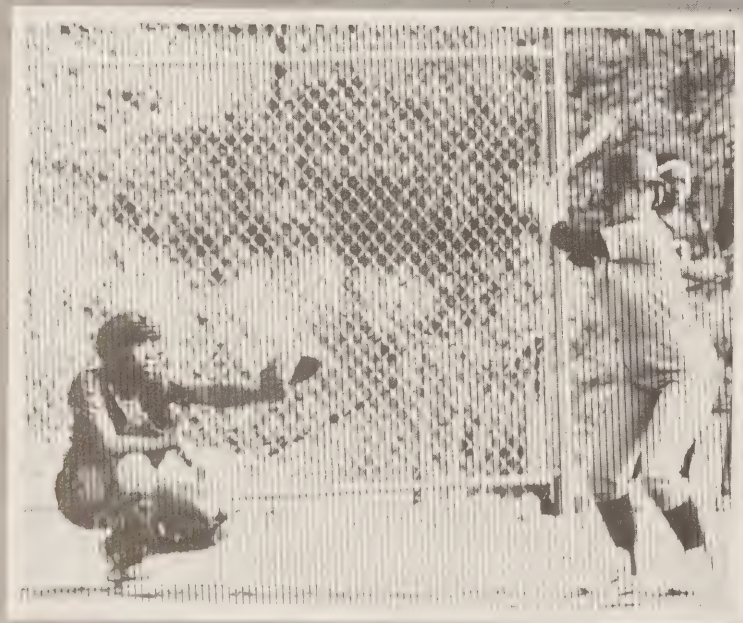
Front Row: Todd Huband, Sherri Everhart, Darlene Miles, Mike Beall, Kelley Cunningham, Karen Hubbard, James Eubank. **Back Row:** Coach Michael W. Coleman, Kevin Battle, Kim Thornburg, Joe Smart, Kyle Collie, Robert Wagner, Perry Miles, Greg Moffitt, Tom Myers, Ronnie Moon, David Thomas, Robert Short, Greg Johnson. **Not pictured:** George Newnam.

Robert Wagner and James Eubank play doubles (left) while Greg Johnson (right) smashes a game-winning shot.

Lady Birds Soar

What the Lady Skyhawks' softball team lacked in experience, they made up in spirit and hustle. Only four players had ever played varsity ball before this year, but all will return next year. Coach Barbara Goode, who left a successful program at Colonial Heights High School to start a program here at Bird, shared some players to positions they had never played before. Lynne Gilbert, a shortstop, became an All-Southside District first team catcher. Shelly Whitmore, a first baseman, and the team with her pitching, Robin Graves, was elected to the first team as first baseman and Brenda Stargardt made the second team as an outfielder. The result of the hard work was first place in the district, first place in the region, and runner-up in the state.

Front Row: Co-captain Rene Hynes, Coach Barbara Goode. **Second Row:** Shelly Whitmore, Robin Graves, Debbie Jackson, Lynda Clarke. **Third Row:** Jackie Claiborne, Terri Vanhorier, Lynne Gilbert, Sheila Kelly, Manager Connie Showalter. **Back Row:** Ann Dunnavant, Charlene Carroll, Brenda Stargardt, Pam Stanley, Robin Lehman, Charleen Covert. **Not Pictured:** Co-Captain Sheila Holmes.



Above: Shelly Whitmore prepares to knock a base hit.

Right: Sheila Holmes doing what she does best . . .

Softball games are so much fun!

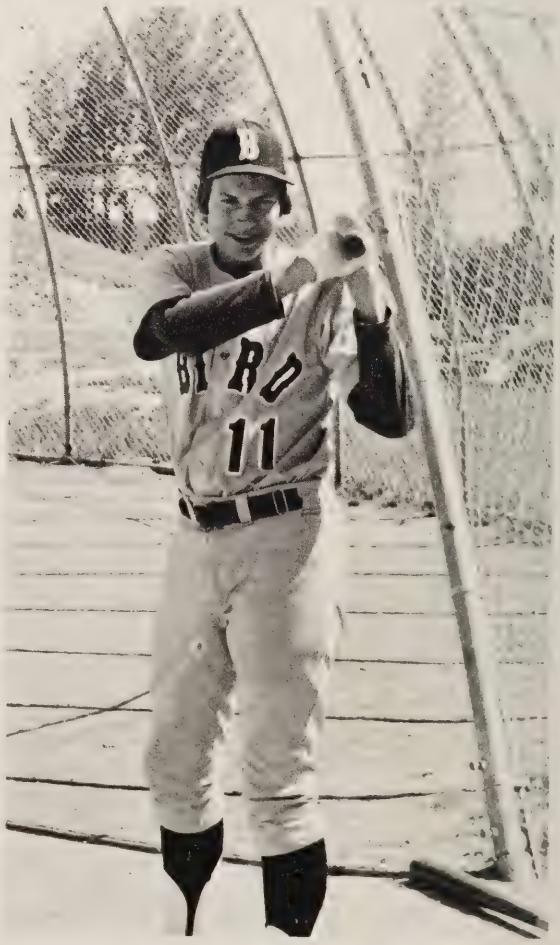
Her mouth forever open, Sheila Holmes prepares for a turn at bat.

Bird		Opp.
3	Greensville	4
11	Nottoway	4
8	Bluestone	7
7	Brunswick	4
8	Randolph Henry	5
8	Matoaca	7
6	Greensville	8
11	Nottoway	7
9	Bluestone	7
4	Park View	8
8	Clover Hill	4
8	Matoaca	6
9	Park View	3
9	Clover Hill	8
20	Randolph Henry	6
15	Brunswick	16
	Regional Tournament	
6	Southampton	5
4	Bruton	3
	State Tournament	
5	Varina	14

Sluggers Finish Second

Despite having only one player with varsity experience, the baseball team placed second only to the 1978 Southside District champions Randolph-Henry. Backed by his teammates, Rick Cratch pitched 1 no-hitter and ended with a personal record of 9 wins and 1 loss and an ERA of 0.59. The Skyhawks placed Cratch and second baseman Ronnie White on the All-Southside District first team, while outfielder Greg Edmonds was chosen for the second team. They certainly have earned the right to be proud of the 15-4 record in their very first season.

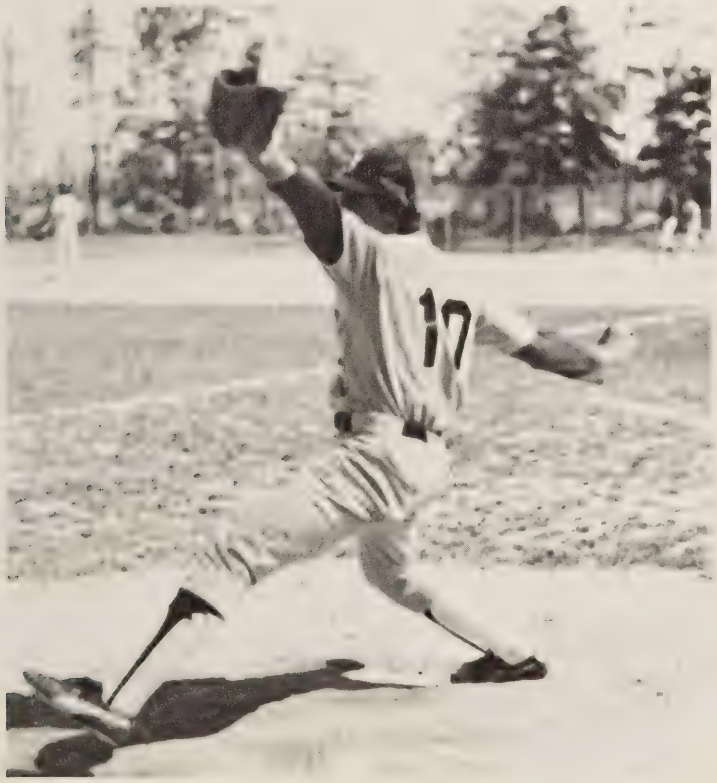
Bird		Opp.
8	Greenville	0
3	Nottoway	6
4	Bluestone	1
4	Brunswick	1
17	Randolph-Henry	0
9	Gibbons	4
1	Park View	0
20	Matoaca	1
5	Greensville	0
2	Nottoway	0
3	Bluestone	0
12	Benedictine	14
4	Randolph-Henry	5
20	Clover Hill	6
22	Matoaca	0
4	Park View	2
5	Gibbons	1
7	Clover Hill	1
1	Brunswick	10



Above: Coach Steve Fornash gives his infield a last-minute pep talk.

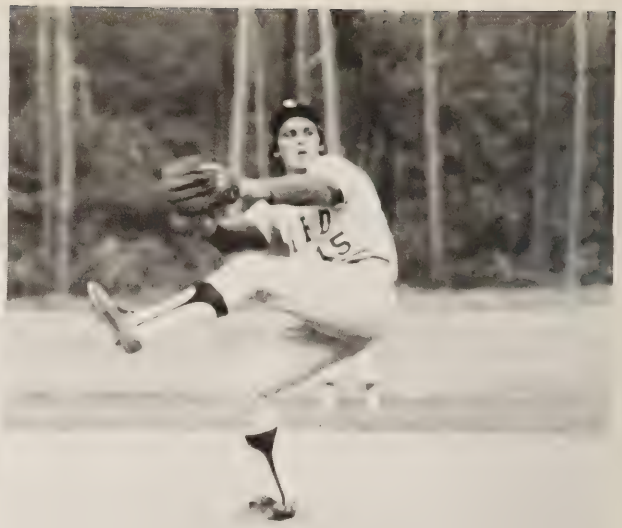
Right: Robbie Osborne prepares for his turn at bat.

Front Row: Rich Cratch, Chuck Comer, Del Slaughter, John Iezzi, Greg Edmonds, David Neel. **Second Row:** Mike Chaney, Robbie Osborne, Jim Wheeler, Carson Rodgers. **Back Row:** Jeff Herron, Coach Steve Fornash, Durwood Bosher.



Left: Baseball's version of "the Freak."

Above: John Iezzi bunts his way on base.



Pitching ace Rick Cratch shows off his winning form.

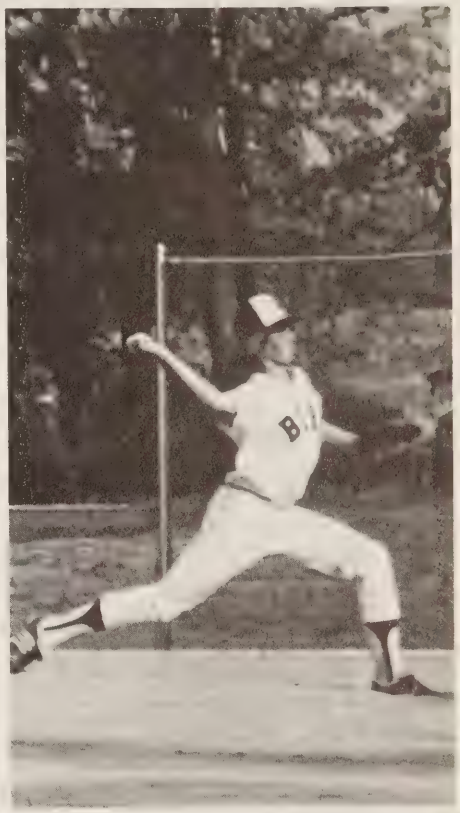
Greg Edmonds tries his hand at catching.

Starting catcher Jim Wheeler provides the target for pitchers Cratch and Herron.

Jeff Herron is the picture of intensity while on the mound.

Swinging Skyhawks

Front Row: Scott Peach, Coach Jim Hoover, Kevin Eaton. **Second Row:** John Cratch, Pierce Neel, Danny Blaszak, Norman McLean, Mike Flores. **Third Row:** Billy Schmidt, Kip Fowler, Chris Cook, John Mitchell, Skeeter Cone. **Back Row:** Jackie Dotson, Linwood Clodfelter, Joe Lotti, Todd Drinkwater, Neil Skidmore.

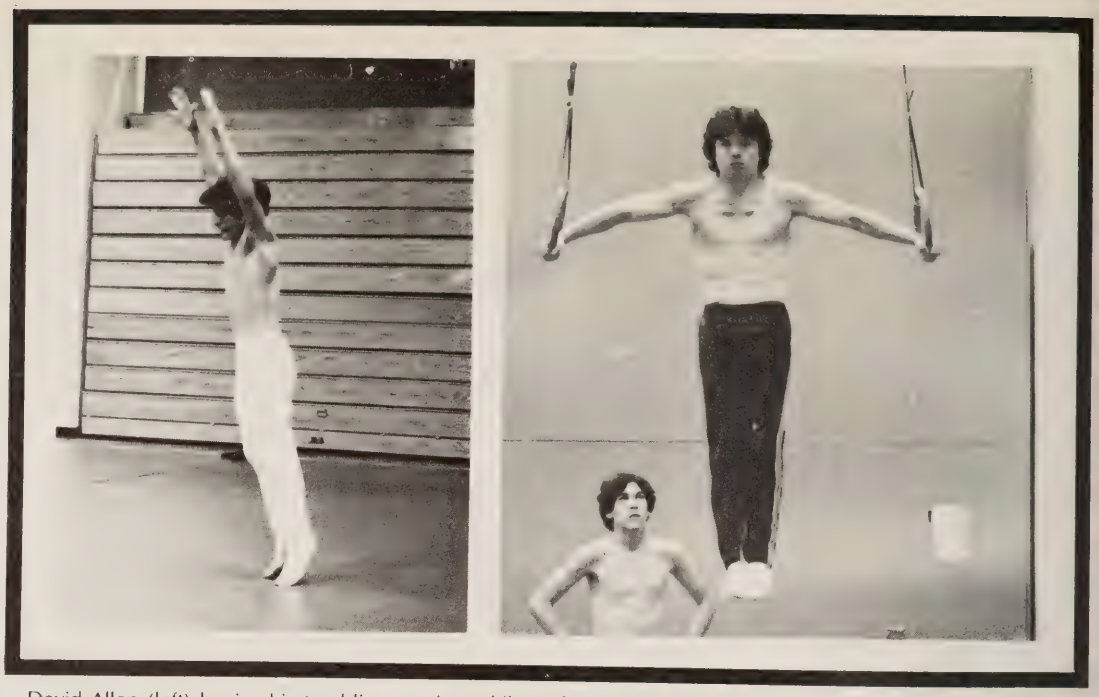


After getting a base hit, Pierce Neel decides he has done enough for one game.

Home runs are the result of Kip Fowler's deep concentration.

Twisters

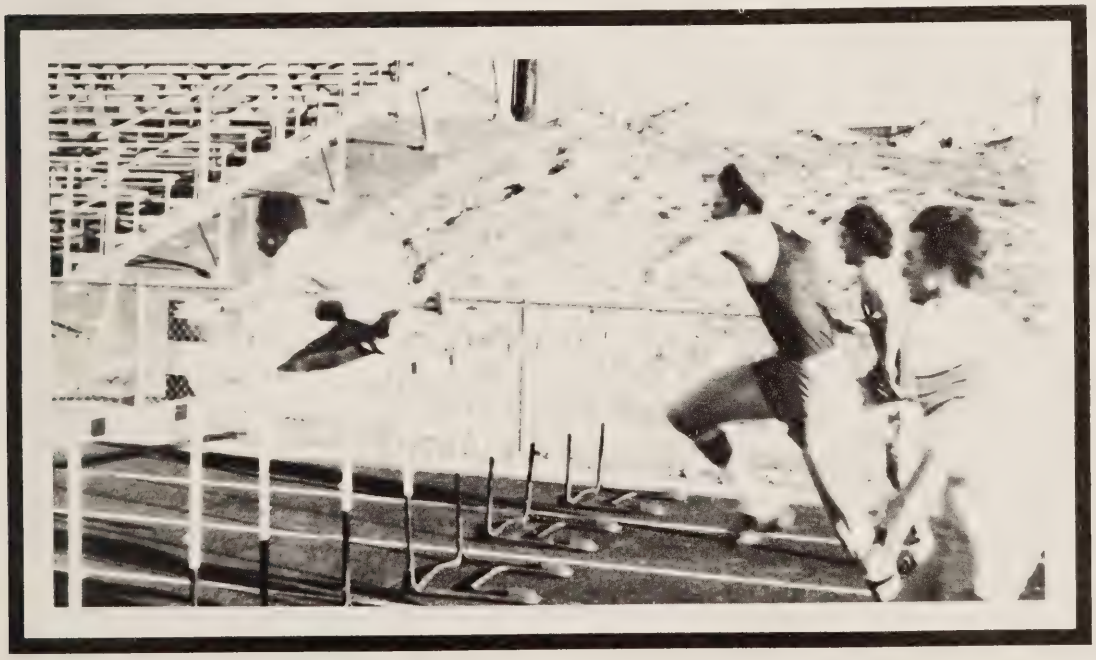
The boys' gymnastics team chose Frank Gorse most dedicated and Jeff McDonald most improved. Coach Pryzstawik believes in not only building great gymnasts but also sound character. He and the team are looking forward to next season.



David Allen (left) begins his tumbling routine while Jackie Bowles (right) displays talent on the rings.

Front Row: Captains Jackie Bowles and Teddy Barrack. **Second Row:** Jeff McDonald, David Allen, John Farmer, Will Morgan. **Back Row:** Coach Karl Przystawik, Robert Jenkins, Scott Wood, Frank Gorse, Alan Chamberlin, Albert Hambright, Mike Newcomb. **Not pictured:** John Dessoffy, Alvin Joiner, Robert Talley.

Front Row: Mary Taylor, Marjorie Johnson, Karen West, Manager Bea Bailey. **Back Row:** Coach John Foege, Trevor Wright, Kenny Lyman, Skip Sawyer, Steve Freed, Linwood Carroll, Jim Mann, Bill Barry, Paul Hale.



In the high hurdles, Linwood Carroll smokes his competition.

Indoor Track

Indoor track team members receiving honors in the regional meet: Linwood Carroll, first in the long jump; Trevor Wright, first in the 60-yard dash; Karen West, first in both 60-yard dash and 600-yard run.

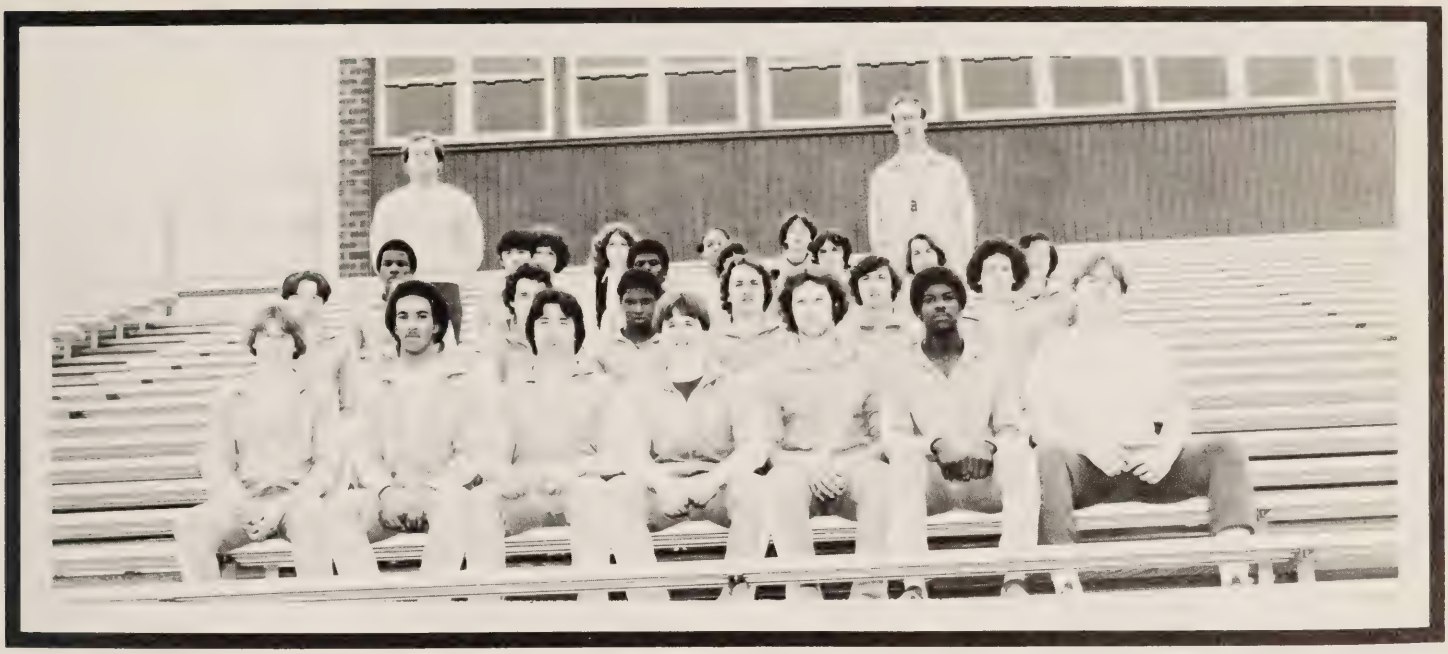
Spring Track Teams

The girls and boys were both successful in track. The girls went undefeated for the regular season, finished first in the district, and third in the region. Cherri Taylor, Lisa Friend, Karen West, Mary Taylor and Shelley Beavers represented Bird in the girls state AA meet with West finishing third in the 880 yard run. The boys had a regular season record of 9-2-1, finished third in the district and third in the region. Jake Clarke, Linwood Carroll, Steve Freed, Trevor and Travis Wright went to the boys state AA meet from Bird. Clarke finished first in the 220 yard dash while the 880 yard relay team of Carroll, The Wrights and Clarke finished third.

Nina Lewis hurls the discus en route to victory.

Front Row: Lynne Eades, Darlene Brown, Chelle Black, Karen West. **Second Row:** Susan McLean, Lisa Friend, Cherri Taylor, Rhonda Whitmore. **Back Row:** Mary Taylor, Nancy Miles, Marjorie Johnson, Coach Chuck Tester, Nina Lewis, Kim Dunn, Marty Horner.

Sprint Past Foes

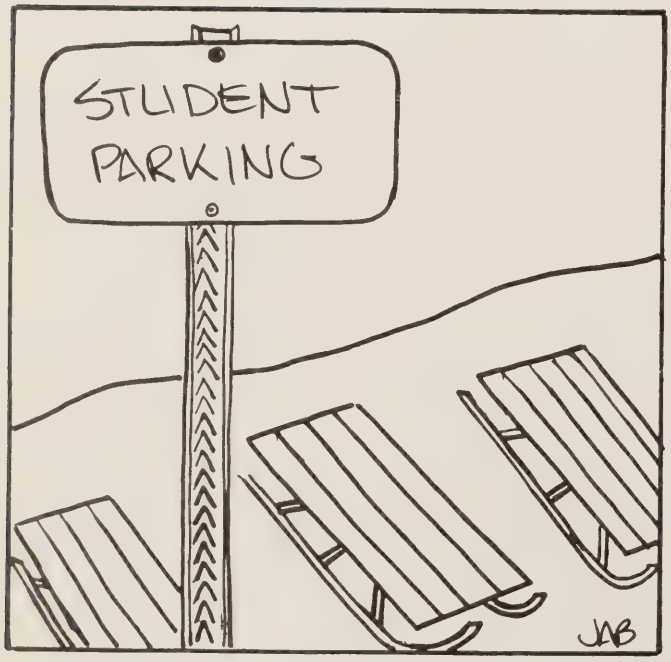


Front Row: Paul Hale, Linwood Carroll, Mike Tsou, Paul Waitkus, Steve Freed, Jake Clarke, Mark Beasley. **Second Row:** Donnie Collie, Jim Mann, Russell Tyson, Roland Baker, Kenny Lyman, Chad Spencer. **Third Row:** Frankie Clements, Skip Sawyer, James Russell, Greg Hopper, Clay Compton, Rick Strong, Damiel Peterson. **Back Row:** Coach Tom Brattan, Managers Lendi and Valerie Flower, Kim Dunham, Bee Bailey, Coach John Foege.

Steve Freed (left) and Linwood Carroll (above) show the "agony of victory."

Evening in Paradise

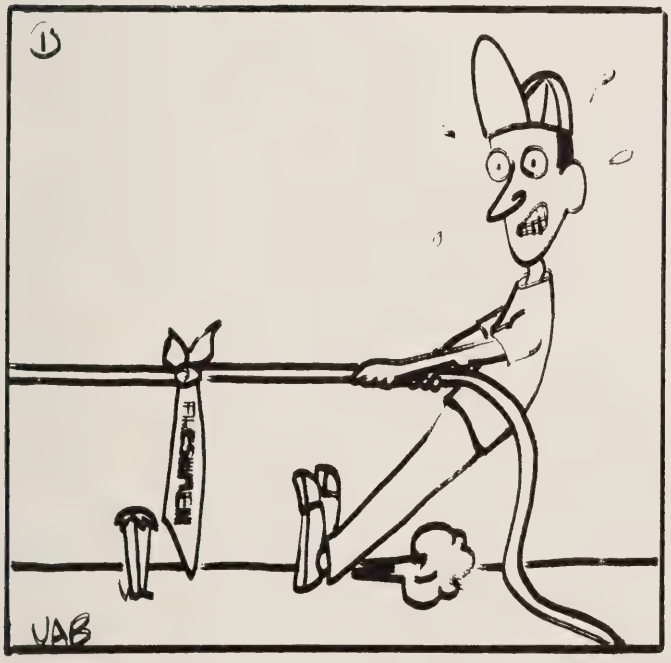
LIVING AND



"We asked for it . . . We got it—10 **Snow Days**"

Powder Puffs and Pigskin . . . Juniors win.

GROWING TOGETHER



Young **HULK** Freshmen Dominate.

POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL

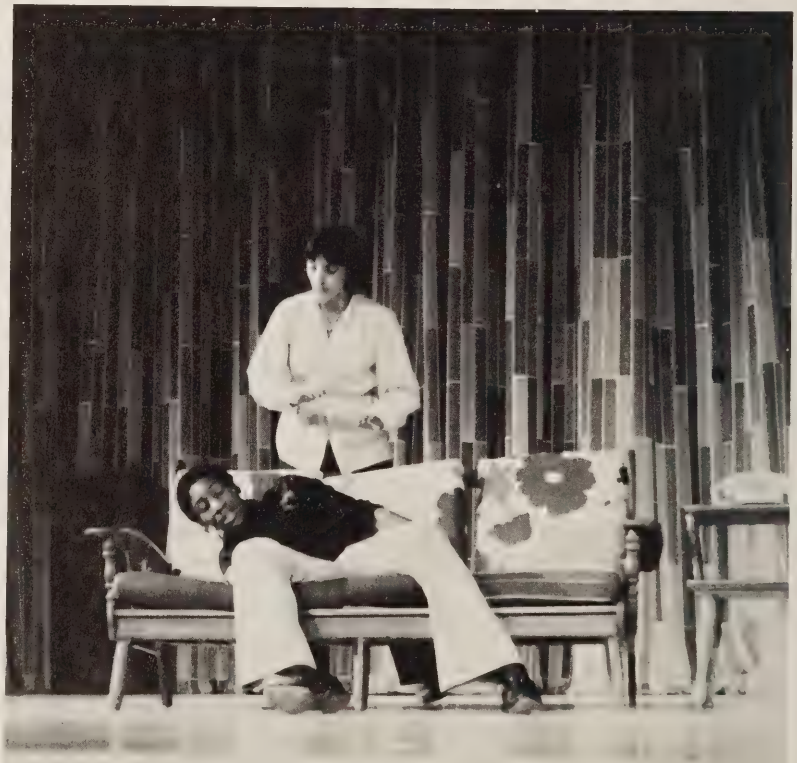
Mucho Macho Mambo!

SALEM
SAINTS

A THEATRICAL COLLAGE

December 1, our school was not finished but the show does go on. Slaem Jr. High hosted a very enjoyable evening of Mime, Improvisations and one act plays. Drama students under the direction of Brenda Hawkes gave the audience a show to remember.

Above: Donnie Paschall winds up mimes for their performance. **lower left:** Sherri Hysler and Kim Perkins do mirror image mime. **right:** Horace Daniels receives tea and sympathy from Lynne Eades in "Lovers and Lies"



"Mom", Katie Lay gives "daughter" Cindy Osterbine some bad news.

"teacher," LeAnne Carrouth lectures Alan Chamberlin.

Drama Club

seated: K. O'Neal, S. Hudson, A. Chamberlin: K. Stacy, K. Smith, B. Hawkes, L. Eades, R. Lovern, K. Hubbard, N. Everett, M. Hilton, D. Miller, K. Lay, S. Tompkins, and T. Persinger 2nd: E. Kolltaz, R. Moon, S. Baker, M. Cersley, B. Strange, K. Newton, J. Persinger and L. Carrouth.

Fall Festival

L.C. Bird's first Fall Festival, October 27, 1978, featured a pep rally on Friday, spirit day, hall decorating competition, the Harvest Ball, and the Bird-Matoaca football game; which we won 12-7. Hall decorating was won by the Sophomore class. During half time, Lynda Stuck was crowned Fall Festival Queen.

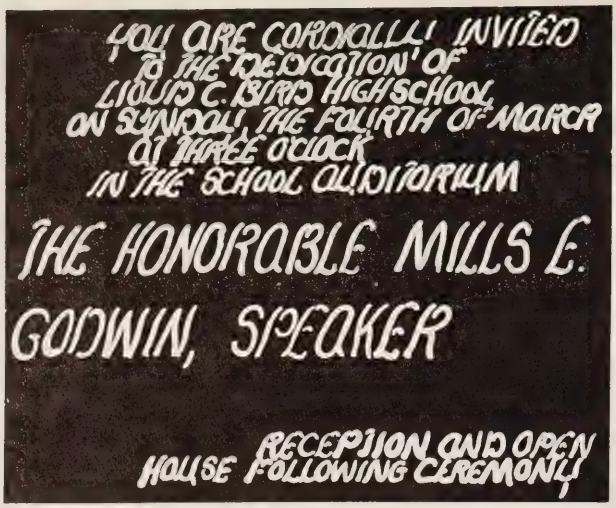
Junior princess April Demur escorted by Joe Smith.

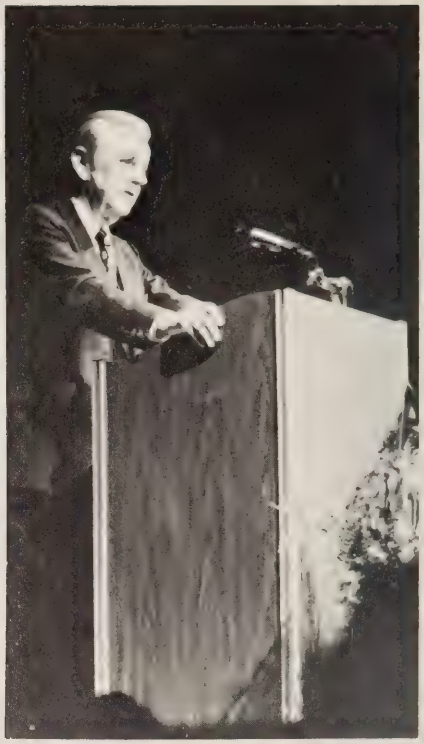
Sophomore princess Lynne Eades escorted by Roger Morrison; Pam Pratt, Freshman princess, escorted by Lenny Ferrara.

Sophomore princess Beth Kcraget escorted by Karl Marks.

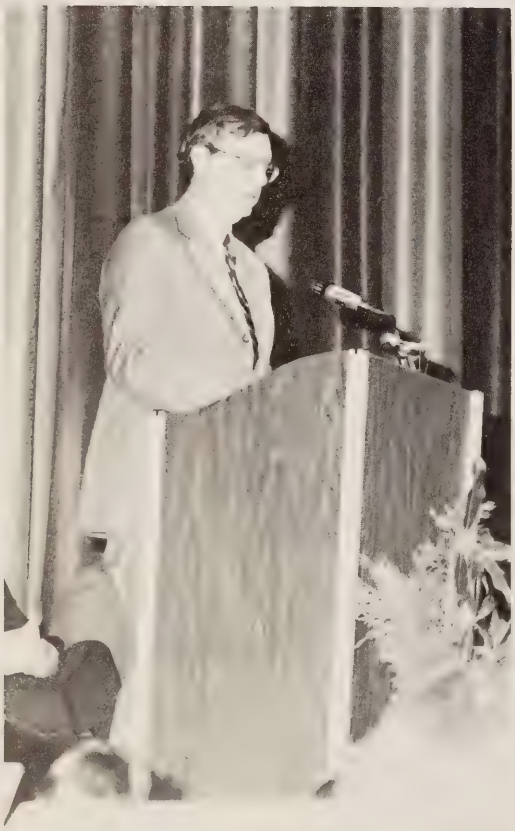
Freshman princess Julia Whitener escorted by Alan Chamberlin.

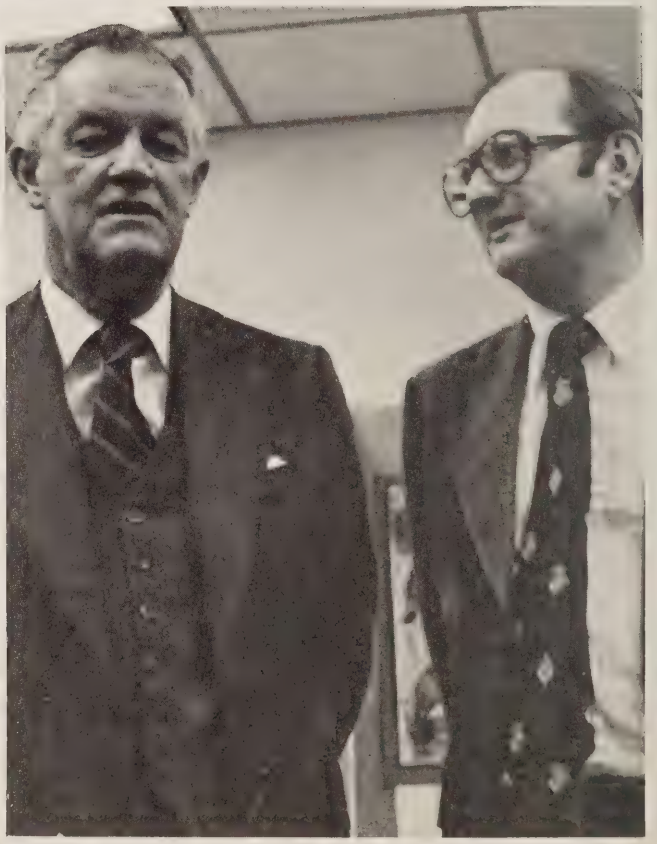
Fall Festival Queen Lynda Stuck escorted by Bob Brown.





Among the many speakers at the dedication ceremony were Senator Fredrick Gray (above right). George C. Bird, son of Lloyd Campbell Bird, presented the school with a portrait of his father. **below right:** Mr. Lindsey converses with guest speaker, Ex-Governor Mills E. Godwin.





We dedicate . . .

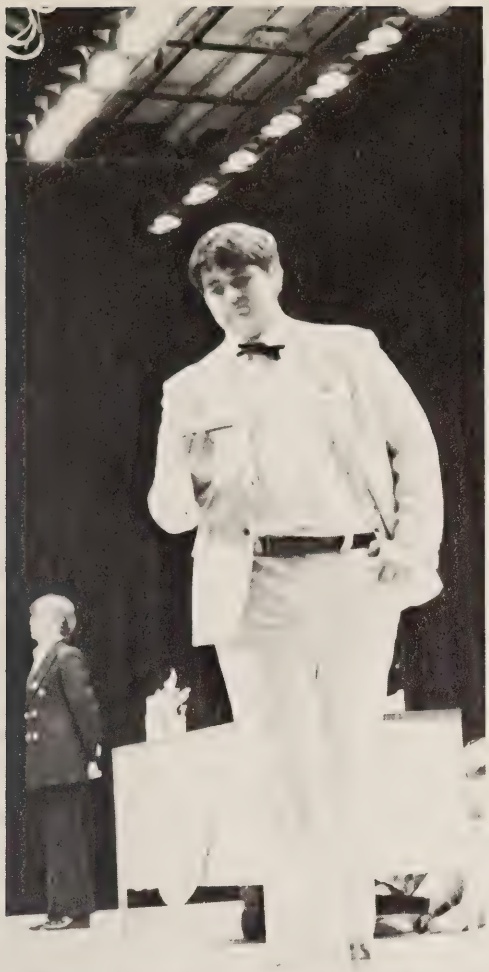
the first TALON to Lloyd Campbell Bird who served the citizens of the commonwealth well and faithfully for more than a quarter of a century as a member of the Senate of Virginia. In the course of his life, Lloyd Campbell Bird engaged in and enjoyed success as a pharmacist, teacher, farmer, businessman and administrator.

We, the students of Lloyd C. Bird High School, will strive to achieve the high moral and community standards in keeping with those exemplified by the life of our namesake, Lloyd Campbell Bird.

LI'L ABNER

Music and Drama departments combine successfully to reenact the escapades of Dogpatch, U.S.A. H.O. Lyne and Cindy Osterbind captured the leading roles as "Li'l Abner" and "Daisy Mae".

Above: LeAnne Carruth "Mammy Yokum" blasts out orders to save Dogpatch. Arthur Smith, "Marry-in' Sam", LeAnne Carruth, Mark Brand, "Mammy and Pappy Yokum" and Cindy Osterbind, "Daisy Mae" express concern over Dogpatch's demise.



Above left: Kevin Smith, "Senator Phogbound" uses politics to explode Dogpatch. **right:** Ed Kollatz, "General Bullmoose" and Donna Morris, "Appassionata Von Climax" try to make a million on Yokumberry Tonic. **Above:** Wives—Kim Perkins, Sarah Petty, Pam Perkins and Wanda Wells want their husbands back.

Paradise Isle

Paradise Isle was the theme for our very first prom. Spectrum provided the music, and the Junior class was responsible for the decorations. All in all, it was a night to remember . . .

After hours of long boogie, Jackie Claiborne and Andray White take a breather.

Earl Fisher and Eric Friend discover that Paradise Isle is a long way from the basketball court.

Paradise Isle natives welcome prom-goers.

Dawn and Giove Pici with Laurie and John Foege enjoy a laugh between dances.

After the hard work is over, Junior class sponsor Helen DeWell enjoys a dance with Earl Fisher.

Spectrum belts out the lyrics to "Le Freak."

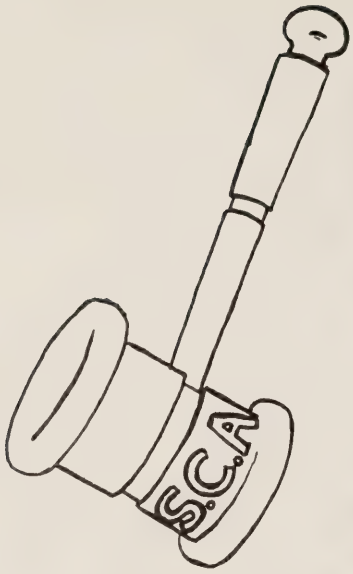
HISTORY CLUB SPONSORS

J.P. sings the blues while juniors lose. **Above: History Honorary for** students expressing a strong interest in history. **Front:** K. Collie (Bill Tilden), L. Doane and S. Johns (Amelia Earhart), J. Zavertnik (Paul Revere with horse, Scheherazade). S. Tilley (Julius Caesar), **Back:** J. Cole (General Douglas McArthur), D. Peterson (Betsy Ross), and R. King (Uncle Sam).

TUG-O-WAR

FRESHMEN PROVE VICTORIOUS

Freshmen out-number and overpower upper classmen in the first annual Tug-O-War May 22. Lacking in numbers but not in spirit sophomores and juniors give it their best TUG. Next year's rematch should be **interesting.**



Front: K. Pirog, S. Cole, A. Roach, C. Holmes, J. Claiborne. **2nd row:** R. Harnish, K. Coghill, L. Eades, L. Friend, L. Flores, D. Marshall, K. Davis. **Back:** Advisor B. Crump, B. Murray, L. Dunnavant, H. Williams, A. Chamberlin, S. Wood, N. Lewis, S. Tilley.

Battle of the Brains: Alternate K. Cunningham, Captain J. Zavertnik, S. Tilley, J. Cole, S. McLean, Advisor M. Hicks.

Art Club: Kneeling—K. Newton, D. Brown, A. Keever. **Standing:** Advisor B. England, S. Whitmore, K. Cunningham, G. Moffitt, R. Moon, D. Bales, J. Green, Advisor H. Sanders.

Pinnacle: Seated—K. Cunningham, R. Dotson, Advisor L. Gillespie, R. King. **Standing**—E. Kollatz, G. Hodge, K. Hansen, S. Tilley, L. Carrouth, N. McLean.

Spanish Club

Senora Neale helps Spanish Club members. Front row: M. Rencoret, H. Woodson, L. Meanly, J. Orr. **2nd row:** D. Seymour, B. Fortune, L. Flores, T. Stinson, B. Kcraget, B. Sutton, C. Cole, L. Parr. **Back:** M. Yencha, L. Green, N. Lewis, K. Jones.

German Club

Front: S. Petty, F. Gorse, Sponsor Frau Cole, S. Johns, D. Peterson. **2nd row:** C. Amis, L. Dunnavant, R. Richardson, T. Persinger, N. Everett. **Back:** E. Kollatz, A. Smith, B. Ganzert.

Latin Club

"Have toga will party." **Front:** D. Marshall, B. Coldiron, K. Collie, J. Cole, J. Farmer, K. Cunningham. **2nd row:** L. Friend, K. Adams, M. Cunningham, Sponsor M. Hicks, D. Melton, E. Combee, C. Cesario.

French Club

Front: B. Kendrick, D. Chapman, K. Richardson. **Back:** K. Davis, M. Johnson, T. VanMeter, D. Benson, C. Poprik, S. Willis, F. Berger, S. Tilley, Sponsor Madame Harrison.

FBLA

The Future Business Leaders of America were active in raising money for the March of Dimes.

DECA

Front row: D. Vaughan, K. Williamson, L. Boggs, E. Wagner, K. Perkins, E. Oliver. Back: Sponsor J. Kramek, T. Hayes, W. Mewherter, T. Clarke, D. Holmes, T. Glidewell, C. Pratt, C. Hanlin, M. Hubka, K. Thornbburg, S. Heisler, D. Morris, K. Oliver.

FHA Front: K. Hundley, D. Vaughan, B. McFadden. Back: D. Schools, T. Gilbert, C. Saunders, R. Radford, D. Parr, S. Woody, D. Hamm, B. Tuck, Sponsor J. Greene.

Science Club

Front: M. Davis, A. Chamberlin, D. Miller, J. Bowles, C. Coalson, Sponsor J. Mitchell. Back: F. Berger, D. Melton, L. Dunnavant, L. Greene, T. Compton, S. Lael.

Key and Keyette Clubs

Key Club and Keyettes, sponsored by the Kiwanas, are L.C. Bird's only community service organizations. Key Club members right—Front row: Secretary S. Mason, T. Huband, President J. Mann, Vice-President M. Stuck, Treasurer T. Glass. Back row: D. Mann, G. Gibson, A. Chamberlin, Kiwanis advisor Marshall Henry, J. Bowles.

Front row: Keyette sweetheart J. Eubank. 2nd row: Historian D. Chapman, Chaplin M. Cunningham, Secretary K. Davis, Vice-President C. Thorp, President K. Perkins. 3rd row: S. Nelson, B. Kcraget, Sponsor Jean Sadler, S. McLean, L. Stuck, C. Blankenship, K. Hubbard, B. Andrew, S. Bray, M. Peoples, S. Moore. 4th row: P. Barton, S. Lael, B. Baily, S. Heisler, D. Morris. Back row: S. Cole, L. Brand, B. Strange, D. Cersley, T. Dorsett. (Not pictured: Treasurer T. Glidewell.)

Front row: B. Kcraget, M. Johnson, R. Dotson, D. Chapman, C. Cesario, S. Webster. 2nd row: S. Tilley, J. Williams, L. Doane, D. Morris, C. Cole, K. Perkins, S. Heisler, M. Horner, J. Dessoffy. 3rd row: H. Woodson, T. Glass, R. King, D. Mills, L. Norton, K. Collie, S. Mason, J. Cole, E. Wagner, J. Zavertnik, S. Anderson, S. McLean, M. Clements, L. Friend, K. Davis.

National Honor Society, for students displaying leadership, citizenship, and scholastic ability was formally titled the **Dr. Howard O. Sullins Chapter.**

Right: B. Coldiron, E. Kollatz, S. Cormier; sponsor, D. Chamberlin, L. Dunnavant. (All members not present.)

Civil War Club, spends much of its time visiting near-by battlefields and museums.

Singing, Performing,

right Mark Poland does a fine job with both the chorus and the band programs. All state orchestra members: B. Sutton, T. Pugh, and J. Williams, rank among Virginia's top high school musicians. **below** **Front:** B. Sutton, C. Cole, A. Green, J. Miller, A. Dunnavant, J. Williams, K. Dunn, L. Dunnavant, T. Pugh. **Back:** P. Bray, L. Jenkins, T. Ray, R. Pratt, K. White, R. Graves.

Strumming . . .

Stage Band members: B. Fisher, T. Myers, E. Fisher, C. Cesario, M. Gallagher, D. Martin, R. Pratt, R. Talley. **Below** Choir members: **Front:** T. VanMeter, C. Poprik, M. Welchons, L. Custis, S. Spencer, B. Kcraget, K. Adams. **2nd row:** C. Gilliam, R. Gravel, S. Dryden, D. Morris, K. O'Neal, M. Osborne, B. Pilley, C. Thorp, J. Porter. **Back:** E. Parham, S. Taylor, K. Davis, C. Osterbind, E. Swayer, E. Kollatz, D. Swinson, R. Moon, J. Orr, D. Miles, S. Price.

Marching, Twirling, and Dancing . . .

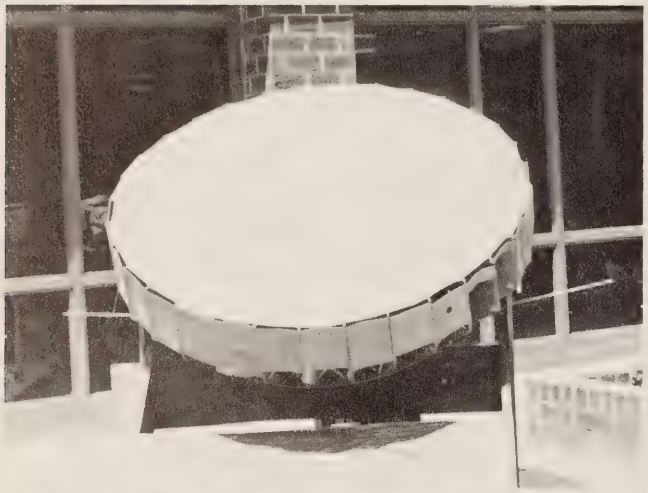
L.C. Bird Advanced Band
(top left) Percussion: M. Clements, K. Simple, M. Beall, N. McLean. (top right) Woodwinds: **First Row:** S. McLean, D. Andrews, R. Hypes, D. Sherrill, K. Stacy, K. Wright, J. Whitner. **Second Row:** D. Peterson, L. Stuck, R. Lehman, T. Compton, L. Boggs, M. Edmonds, A. Keever. **Back Row:** M. Chaney, G. Newnam, J. Shaffer, R. Bray, M. Perkins. (above) Brass: **First Row:** R. King, N. Skidmore, K. Marks, J. Rodgers, M. Stuck, K. Brodie. **Second Row:** P. Hanley, S. Rodgers, J. Zavertnik, B. Stargardt, J. Dessoffy. **Back Row:** D. Beavers, R. McLendon, M. Bell, S. Gunter, P. Waitkus, D. Mills.

aspects of the Music Department

(top left) Rifle Squad: **First Row:** Captain D. Morris, S. Whitmore. **Back Row:** S. Dryden, B. Kendrick, C. Osterbind, T. Walton, L. Wood. (top right) Majorettes: **First Row:** D. Tomlin, S. Holmberg. **Back Row:** G. Holmberg, J. Whitener, S. Heisler. (above) Silk Squad: **First Row:** D. McKay, S. Nelson, D. Haley. **Second Row:** T. Compton, S. Lael. **Back Row:** E. Parham, S. Barksdale, B. Wooten, L. Greene.

Sun Day

Sun day, organized by Jean Sadler and the science students on May 3, 1979 demonstrated uses for solar energy. The solar reflector (bottom right) provides Laura Norton and Tina Gilbert with solar roasted hot dogs and marshmallows. Alton Barrack adds sun and magnifying glass to produce the ever-popular **Hall Pass** (right and bottom left).



TALON STAFF:

Jeanne Zavertnik lets her fingers do the walking . . .

Members: **Front Row:** J. Bitner, sponsor, J. Claiborne, L. Friend, S. Anderson, S. Anderson, K. O'Neal. **Back Row:** S. Bray, D. Church, K. Collie, A. Barrack, R. Cole, J. Zavertnik, S. Petty, F. Berger, D. Melton, E. Kollatz. Not Pictured: R. Strong, K. Hansen, M. Brand and G. Moffitt who helped with photography.

Sonja Bray, Debbie Church, Alton Barrack, and Felicia Berger worry over last deadline.

Shelby Anderson practices basketball in strange places.

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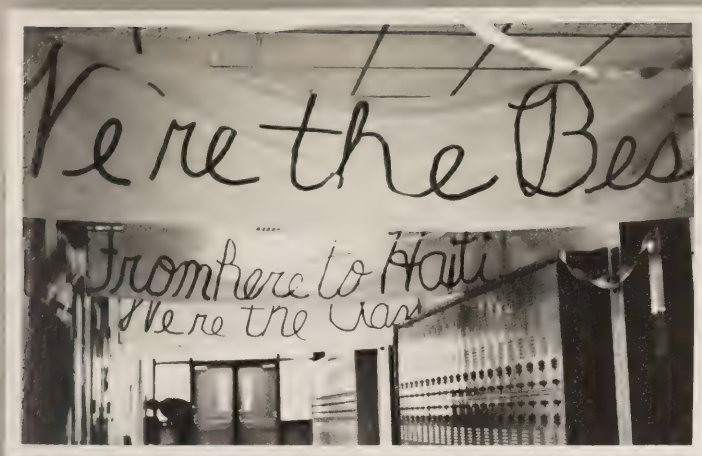
Staff thanks you for your help:

Jean Sadler and Julian Porter for naming the **TALON**
Jeff Bland artwork p. 98-99. 114-115.
Kelly Cunningham artwork p. 106.
Ed Kollatz—cartoons. p. 6-7.

Team members and spectators watch the play on the field . . . .



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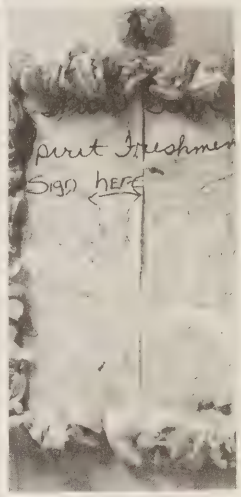

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First Inductie to National Honor Society: Shelby Anderson.
First $0.01 for **Talon** donated by Dr. H.O. Sullins.
The first Science teacher of Bird to receive the Outstanding Science Teacher Award: Jean Sadler.
The first chosen to go to Boy's State: Greg Spence.
First All-Southside District Catcher for girl's softball: Lynne Gilbert.
First Fall Sports Banquet was held: Dec. 18, 1979.
First Junior Prom: May 11, 1979.
First Fine Arts Festival: March 30-31, 1979.
First class ring of L.C. Bird designed by Junior Class had the Va. State seal on one side and a Skyhawk on the other.
First person to receive his ring: Johnny Wolfe.
TALON's first PATRON: Ruth West.
Fall Festival Week: October 27-28, 1978.
Fall Festival Queen: Lynda Stuck crowned at football game.
First football game in Bird Stadium; Fall Festival game against Matoaca October 27. Skyhawks 12-Matoaca 7. . . .
First touchdown for Skyhawks scored by RUSSELL TYSON.
First report cards issued November 10, 1978.
Powder Puff game November 9, sponsored by TALON staff and J. Bitner, won by JUNIORS.
First Battle of the Brains competition April 18, 1979.
First to be named to All Tri-City Football Team: Mike Browning, Earl Fisher.
First Scholarship donated by Earle Spencer, Jr. for $1,000 to be given to class of '80.
First to receive Most Valuable Runner award: Horace Daniel.
PABLO UTRERAS first foreign exchange student from Chile-spent entire school year August-June here, member of first soccer team.
First Pep Rally: October 6, Bird Stadium.
October 28, HARVEST BALL—first dance at the school.
Day 1, year 1 for Bird: August 28, 1978.
Last student day June 14, 1979 (remember the snow days of '79?)
Trackman Kenny Lyman received first Longest Yard Award for Bird.
Dedication of the school: March 4, 1979
SPIRIT POINT #1 awarded to JUNIOR CLASS at October 6 pep rally.
Spring Break in Spain April 14-23, 7 students and J. Bitner; longest field trip.
FIRST snow day February 7, 1979.
Bird's Nest opened for business September 20.
BABY BIRD: our first born to Constance Kingston.
MICHAEL SCHWARTZ first person to buy parking ticket.
Hall Decoration Contest sponsored by Pep Club: Sophomore hall won.
SEPTEMBER 15 Spirit Day #1;
School colors Carolina Blue and White.
First BIG BIRD: Aubrey L. Lindsey, Principal.
TUG-O-WAR: sponsored by History Honorary May 15 and 22—Freshmen won.
October 16, 1978; First day for Library.
First student chosen to attend 1979 Youth Leadership Seminar: RANDALL KING, sophomore.
June 1, 1979, Awards assembly 1.
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Academic Awards assembly: June 7, 1979.
First girls softball team to go to State Tournament from Southside District 1978-79 Lady Birds.

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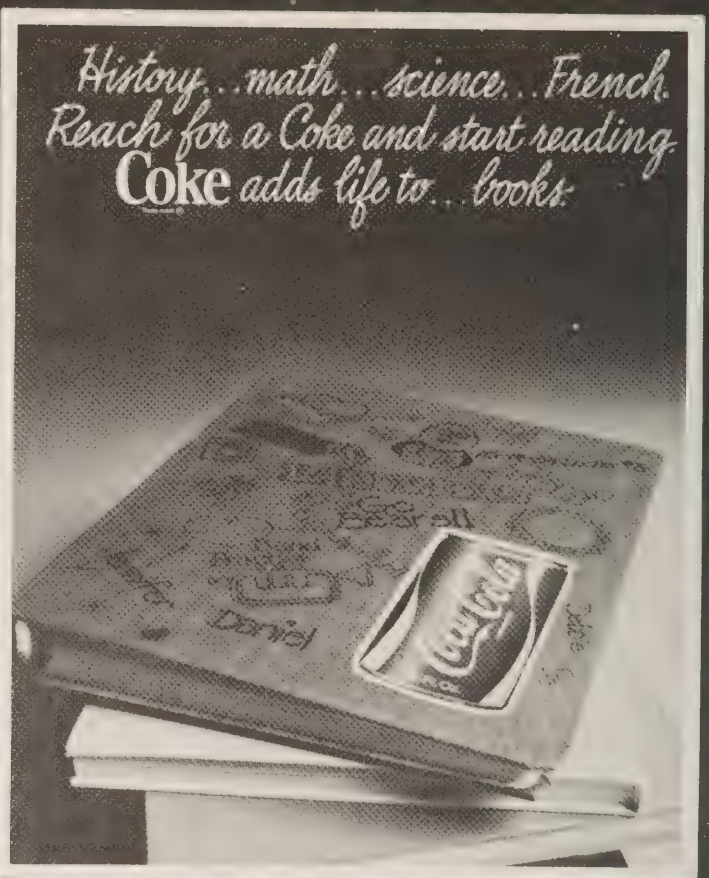

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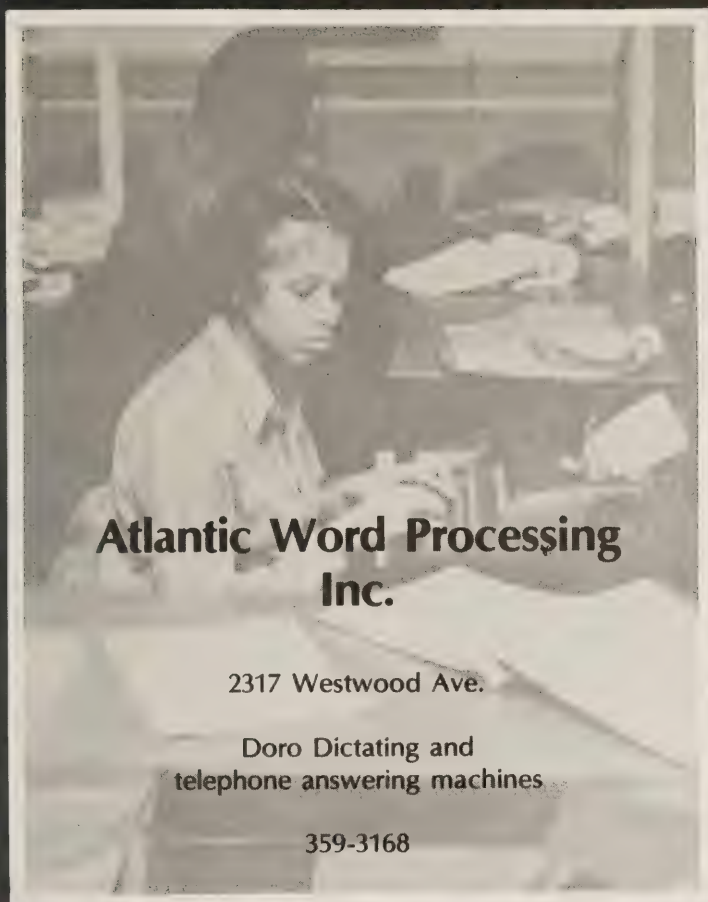

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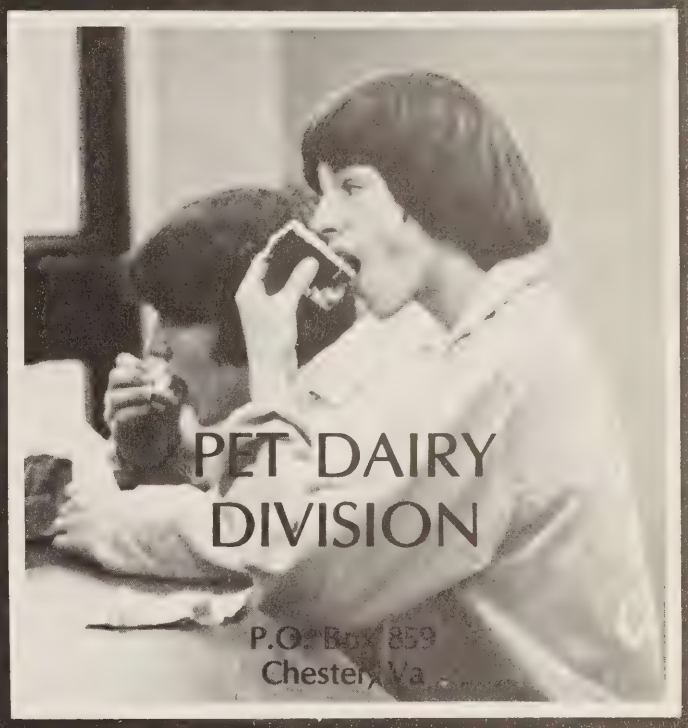

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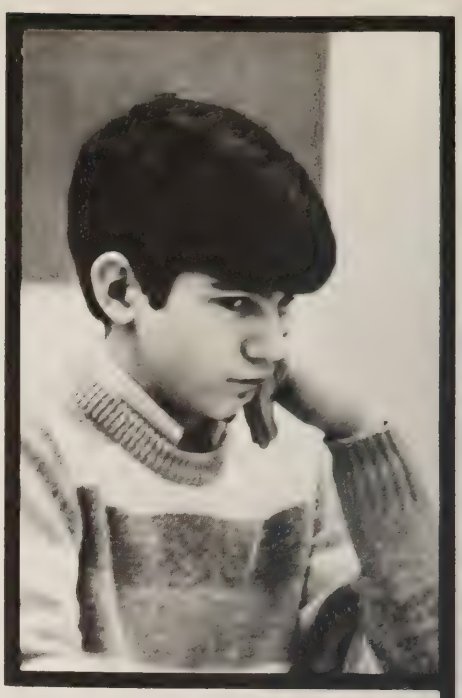

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TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Who is the part-body teacher?
2. Who donated first penny to TALON?
3. Who named the yearbook?
4. Who scored the first touchdown?
5. How many doorknobs are there in school?
6. Who had locker #601?
7. Who received 1st class ring?
8. First parking ticket issued to:
9. First yearbook patron:
10. First BIG BIRD?

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1978-1979 In Retrospect

Wow! It seems like only a few weeks ago that we all were new at Bird. It seemed cold, impersonal, and no one knew their way around. All the Juniors wanted to be back at Thomas Dale, and Sophomores and Freshmen wanted to be back at Salem or Carver. Some of us had gone to school together before, but it seemed like there was a sea of new faces. The construction went on around us, we ROASTED, water leaked from the ceiling (it still does) and it seemed like we had a new classroom every day, so that one never learned his schedule.

From all that, here we are nine months later. I've talked to many people about this, so I think I speak for the majority. There's a closeness here that teachers, administrators and students throughout the county envy. It's unusual to find students and teachers who know each other as well as ours do now. Everyone is into something—clubs, athletics, or academics—many times, all three. The teachers really care and the students know it.

We've gone from being unknown UNDERDOGS to being publicized **Tough competition.** I happen to think there's logic in that—because no one expected much, we were determined to show them how wrong they were. No one expected much, that is, except the people who mattered most, the faculty and our principals, coaches, and the students.

Now I know my way around this school better than my home, spend more time here than at my home, and feel like many of the people are my family. We've all got something now and learned something that we didn't know at the beginning of the year, something that can't be learned from books . . . school pride, spirit and working as a team.

Even though we don't always seem to appreciate it, we DO. It's been a great year and nobody that I know wants to go back to Thomas Dale or junior high.

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